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## IN THIS ISSUE

Summer is here and so is the reason we do what we do. This issue offers you some last minute ideas, some of the latest news from our Association's Annual Meeting in May and some clear insight into where we are headed.

Look for program ideas in "Between the Covers", "Under Open Skies", "What's 'In' Outdoors", "A Psalm of Praise" and "Campwide Program with Meaning".

The CCA's Board of Management and President's Council met in Quebec City in early May for its Annual Meeting.

"Coast to Coast" & "Committee Notes" has news on what happened and is about to happen across the country. New faces bring new energy to this hard working group and they all deserve our attentive support. **Janet Adamson's** "Installation of New Boards" delivered at OCA's Annual Meeting is appropriate for new Boards stepping into the Association harness.

**Ken Willis** comments on and supports the move to PARC by CCA and you can also meet CCA's new PARC Director, **Aniko Varpalotai**.

At the OCA Conference **Armand Ball**, the Executive Vice President of the American Camping Association, addressed Camping Tomorrow. Take some time to consider his points. We must not stand too close to our work — we will miss the view.

Don't forget to check your precamp schedule against what those other directors are doing in the final days before the first camper arrives. See "What Do You Do Now" on the last page.

Let's read this latest issue, and then we'll get to doing what we do best. May your treasures be what you find.

## DE CE NUMÉRO

Avec l'été, nous voilà de retour. Vous trouverez dans ce numéro des nouvelles et les points saillants de la dernière réunion de l'Association tenue en mai dernier.

Ne manquez pas "Entre les lignes", "A ciel ouvert", "What's in Outdoors", "A Psalm of Praise" et "Campwide Programme with Meaning" pour plus de renseignements.

Lors de la réunion annuelle du début mai, à Québec (ville), le Conseil d'Administration de l'Association des Camps du Canada et du Conseil Président, nous font part de leurs plus récentes nouvelles dans les chroniques "D'un océan à l'autre" et "Notes des comités".

Premièrement, ces conseils reconnaissent l'importance des nouveaux venus au sein des différents comités. Ces nouveaux venus apportent une nouvelle vitalité et méritent d'être appréciés.

L'inauguration de nouveaux conseils fut présentée par **Janet Adamson** lors de l'assemblée annuelle de l'Association ontarienne sur le camping (A.O.C.). Cette présentation s'adressait à tous les nouveaux conseils désireux d'appartenir à l'Association (A.C.C.).

**Ken Willis** commente et appuie le mouvement "PARC" de l'Association. Vous pourrez rencontrer sous-peu sa nouvelle directrice **Aniko Varpalotai**.

Lors du colloque de l'A.O.C. tenue à la fin de janvier, **Armand Ball**, sous-directeur de l'Exécutif de l'A.O.C. a parlé du **Camping et son avenir**, "Camping Tomorrow". Prenez le temps de bien méditer ces notes. Souvent à regarder l'horizon il est facile de manquer le couché du soleil.

Directeurs de camp, n'attendez pas à la veille de l'ouverture de la saison pour nous informer de votre pré-saison. Lorsque votre premier client se montrera le nez à votre porte, il sera trop tard pour demander "et que fait-on maintenant".

Complétez la lecture de ce numéro ensuite nous passerons à ce que nous faisons de mieux.

Nous espérons que ce que vous trouverez vous soit enrichissant.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is summer and camps across Canada are in full swing. This summer over 400,000 children and youth will be attending Canadian Camping Association camps. I know their stay at camp will be of higher quality because of all the hours of work camping volunteers have put into conferences and workshops across Canada this Winter and Spring. In British Columbia in late March, **Michael Brandwein** shared his L.A.S.E.R. Beam with our sixty camp directors at an excellent conference in Parksville. In Saskatchewan in early April delegates learned about "Learning in the out-of-doors" from **Dr. Jan James**, the Western CCA/ACC Vice President and Campfire Programs from **Skip Connett**, the CCA/ACC Treasurer.

In Alberta in February the directors conference participants examined the new Camp Directors' Curriculum and made plans for future workshops based on its content. These are the conferences that I was fortunate enough to attend on behalf of CCA/ACC this Winter and Spring. Through all this sharing, I know that camping in Canada is stronger and the experiences of campers at camp this summer are richer.

In 1989 there will be a CCA/ACC National Conference. A National Conference provides the ultimate opportunity to share camping knowledge and inspiration and I hope that you will make plans to attend.

Meanwhile, may your summer be safe, happy and full of good camping.

Janet Adamson  
President



## UN MOT DE LA PRESIDENTE

C'est l'été et partout à travers le Canada les camps bourdonnent d'activité. Cet été, plus de 400,000 jeunes participeront aux camps de l'Association. Je suis convaincu que ces jeunes en ressortiront enrichis grâce aux efforts et à la patience de nos nombreux volontaires. Ceux-ci ont assistés, afin d'être mieux préparés, à de nombreux ateliers et conférences sur le camping

tenu un peu partout à travers le pays pendant l'hiver. En mars, **Michael Brandwein** de la Colombie-Britannique a partagé avec nous, ainsi qu'avec soixant-dix autres directeurs, son expérience avec les "Rayons Laser", "Laser Beam". Cette conférence, c'est tenue à Parksville.

En Saskatchewan, au début d'avril, nos délégués ont eu le privilège d'entendre parler le **Dr. Jan James**, président-adjoint de l'A.C.C. pour la région de l'ouest. Sa présentation avait pour sujet "L'apprentis-sage en plein air", "Learning in the out-of-doors". Ils y ont aussi entendus **Skip Connett**, trésorier de l'A.C.C. qui a présenté **Campfire Programs**.

En février, les directeurs se sont penchés sur le nouveau **Plan d'étude et de gestion de camps — Camp Directors Curriculum**. Ils ont aussi préparé l'ébauche d'une série d'ateliers à ce sujet.

Voilà, en quelques mots, le résumé des conférence auxquelles j'ai assisté à titre de présidente. J'en suis revenue enrichie et pleine d'espoir. Encore une fois, je suis convaincue les compeurs de cet été reviendront de leurs vacances enrichis de leur experience et de leur séjour passé aux camps de l'Association.

Notez qu'en 1989, aura lieu un colloque national de l'A.C.C./C.C.A. Un tel colloque donne l'occasion de partager ses connaissances, ses expériences et ses rêves relatifs au camping. J'espère que vous vous ferez une joie d'y assister.

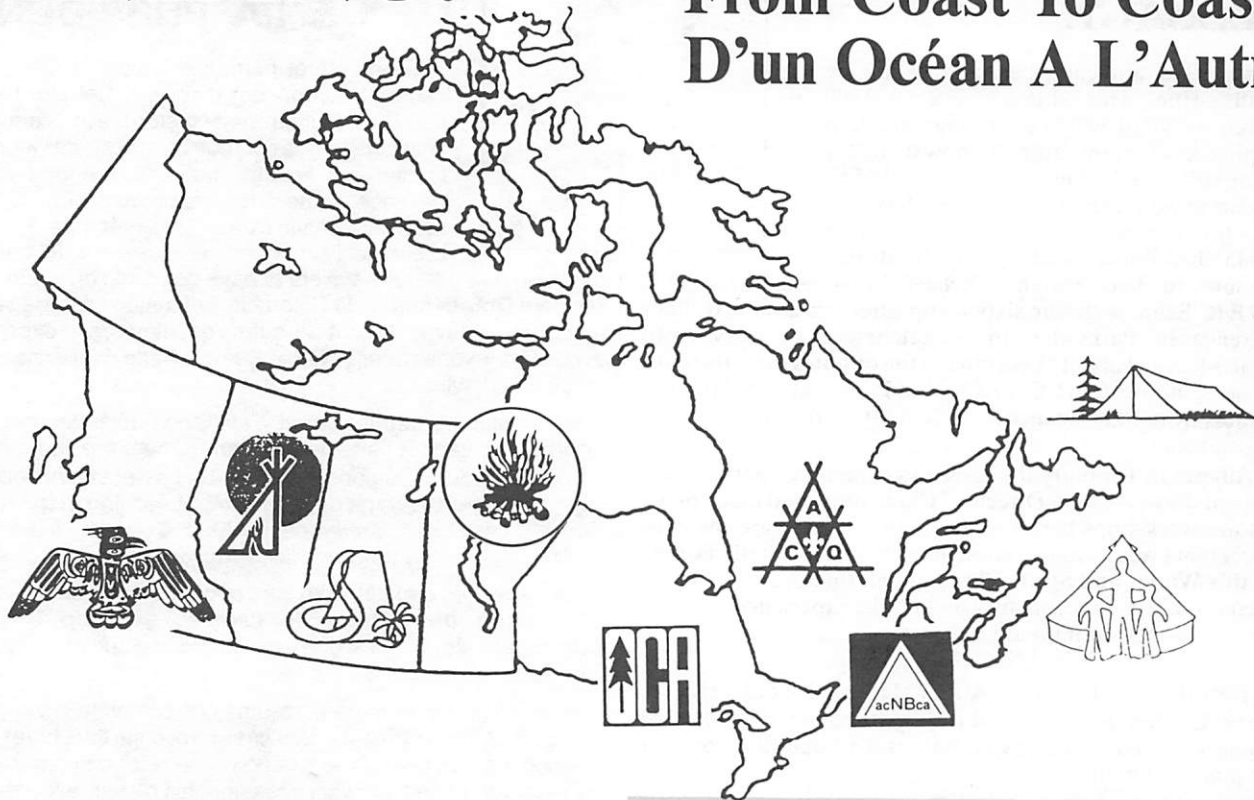
Il 'ici là, je vous souhaite un été plein de soleil, de joie et de plein air.

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# CAMPING:


# From Coast To Coast D'un Océan A L'Autre



## ONTARIO

by *SALLY M. MOORE*  
Ontario Vice President




 The Ontario Region is pleased to announce the appointment of **Alayne Scanlon** as the chairperson of the national Public Relations Committee, based in Toronto. Alayne comes to CCA/ACC with a strong public relations and promotion background. She has experience with three other national organizations, YWCA, CNIB, and the United Church of Canada, and has served on the board of directors of other nonprofit organizations. I wish to welcome Alayne and wish her and the committee much success.



## NOVA SCOTIA

by *KELLEY BYRNE*  
President C.A.N.S.




Well, I'm really proud to say that much has happened in the last two months in N.S. Our annual meeting was the 25 of April, in Truro, with a turn out of 19 people. This was great with our guest speaker, **Mike Byrne**, President of National YMCA Canada. I was very pleased to be able to attend the President's Council meeting in Quebec City, where the hospitality and good times were endless. On May 9-10 we were off to Camp Hillis in Paradise, N.S. for one terrific weekend. "Ready, Set, Go" Spring Conference. There were in attendance 32 participants and 6 special guests, including **Fred Okada, Anthea Bellemore, Dave Comeau, and Tandy Leather**. The curriculum for Camp Directors has had a very good introduction in N.S. So now we're ready for Summer '87. All of us in N.S. really wish you across Canada the best this summer.

## ONTARIO

par SALLY MOORE  
sous-directrice-ontarienne



 Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer la nomination de **Alyne Scalon**, en tant que présidente nationale du Comité des relations publiques pour la région ontarienne. Ce comité siège à Toronto. Alyne nous arrive avec beaucoup de connaissance et d'expérience. Elle a participé à plusieurs comités et a siégé sur plusieurs conseils et organismes nationaux tel, le Y.M.C.A., l'Église Unie du Canada et sur le "CNIB".

Nous lui souhaitons la plus cordiale bienvenue et beaucoup de succès.



## NOVA-ECOSSE

*par KELLY BYRNE*

Depuis deux mois, plusieurs choses se sont passées en Nouvelle-Ecosse. Soulignons d'abord notre assemblée annuelle qui s'est tenue à Truro, le 25 avril dernier. Notre conférencié invité **M. Mike Byrne**, président national du Y.M.C.A. s'est adressé à plus de 19 personnes.

J'ai aussi eu l'occasion d'assister à la réunion du Conseil du président, à Québec (ville) L'hospitalité québécoise toujours aussi généreuse nous a permit de bien nous amuser.

La fin de semaine du 9 et 10 mai, nous a permis d'assister à la conférence du printemps "**Prêt, position, partez**" — "Ready, set, go" qui s'est tenue au Camp Hills, à Paradise, en Nouvelle-Ecosse. À cette conférence, **M. Fred Okada, Anthea Bellemore, Dave Comeau, et Tandy Leather** quelques uns des conférenciers, ont introduit à plus de 35 participants le programme pour les directeurs de camp. Nous sommes maintenant prêts à affronter la nouvelle saison estivale de 1987.

Nous tous ici, en Nouvelle-Ecosse, nous souhaitons au reste du Canada, le meilleur des étés.



## ATLANTIC REGION REPORT

by IAN FOWLER

ATLANTIC REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

Spring sprang quickly in Atlantic Canada, following a long winter; thus many camps are now in high gear with regard to spring maintenance and work parties.

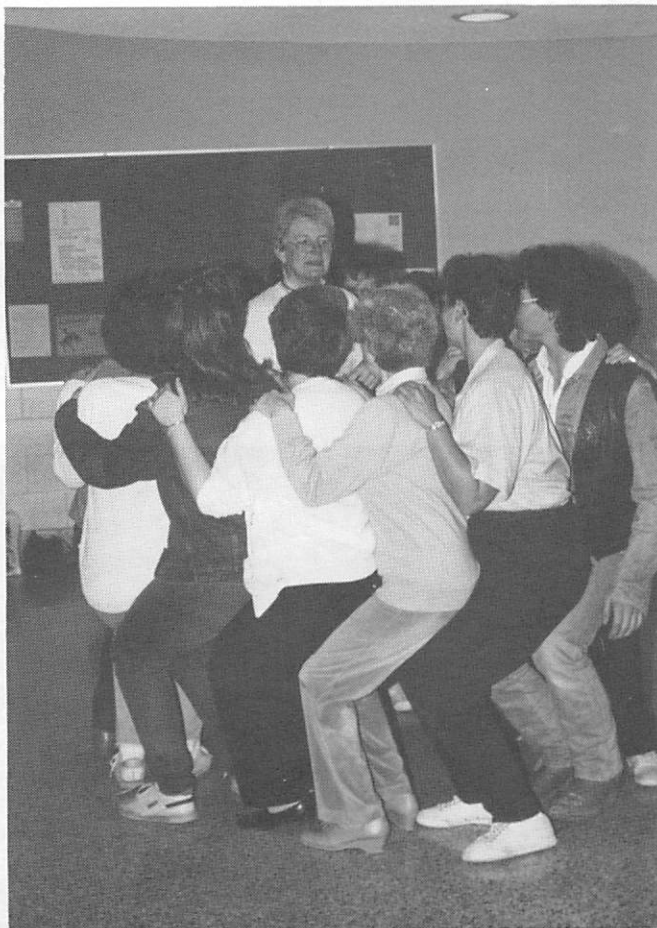
All Atlantic associations are presently planning for spring conferences, ensuring senior staff and counsellors are well prepared for the summer months.

The Newfoundland/Labrador Camping Association recently elected **Judy May** of Corner Brook as their new President and she has assembled a new executive in the Corner Brook area. Best wishes are extended to Judy and her new troops. As well, a tip of the hat to outgoing President **Frank O'Connor** and his team from the St. John's area.

The New Brunswick Camping Association continues its battle against minimum wage legislation. Although exemption from the legislation was refused by the Employment Standards Tribunal, **Hon. Joe Mombourquette** has intervened and the association continues to lobby on behalf of its members.

The upswing Camping Association of Nova Scotia recently held their annual meeting re-electing **Kelley Byrne** as President. This dynamic organization has made giant steps in the last year and currently have 50 plus delegates registered for their spring Conference featuring Ontario's **Fred Okada** as guest speaker. Way to go C.A.N.S.!

One can easily see there is lots happening in the Atlantic Region, as we continue our attempt to become the most active C.C.A. region.



It was lap-sitting room only at a games session conducted in Saskatchewan by **Jan James**, Western Region Vice-President.



**Skip Connett**, Treasurer of CCA/ACC entertains some Saskatchewan camp leaders around a 'camp fire'.

## RAPPORT DE LA REGION ATLANTIQUE

par Ian Fowler, président-adjoint

Ici dans les provinces atlantiques l'hiver a été dur et long. Le temps du grand ménage printanier est revenu et plusieurs équipes sont déjà à la tâche.

Toutes les associations de la région sont déjà prêtes à assister aux conférences du printemps. Elles s'assurent ainsi que les membres de leur associations et leur personnel seront bien préparés pour la saison estivale.

L'association des campeurs de Terre-Neuve — Labrador a récemment élu leur nouvelle présidente. **Judy May**, de Corner Brook a vite fait de s'entourer d'un bon conseil administratif. Nos vœux de succès accompagnent Judy et son équipe.

Nous voulons aussi dire "**Chapeau**" à **Frank O'Connor**, président sortant et son équipe de la région de St-John.

Au Nouveau-Brunswick, l'association continue sa bataille contre la législation provinciale à propos de sa politique sur le salaire minimum. **L'Hon Joe Mombourquette** et l'Association sont vite intervenus. Leur demande pour une exemption de la législation pour ses membres a été refusée par le "Employment Standard Tribunal". La bataille continue.

L'Association de Terre-Neuve a réélue sa présidente, **Kelley Byrne**.

Cette association a fait des progrès à pas de géant. Plus de 50 participants se sont déjà inscrits à la conférence du printemps. Le conférencier invité sera **Fred Okada** de l'Ontario.

C'est ainsi qu'il n'est pas surprenant de dire que la vie en plein air bouillonne et bouillonnera d'activités.

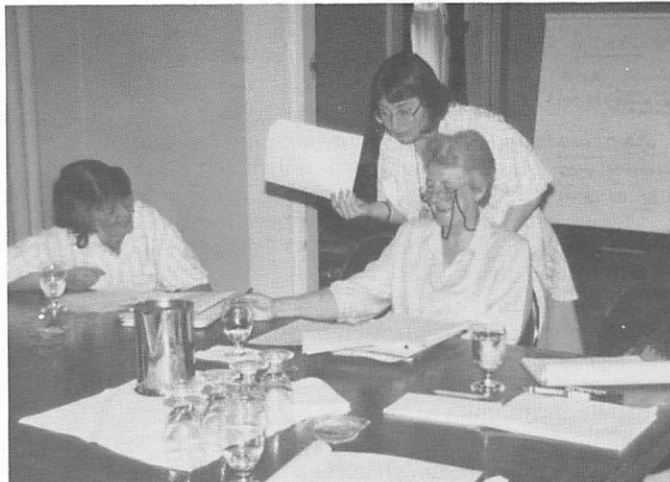


# CCA ANNUAL MEETING — QUEBEC CITY — MAY 1-3, 1987

## REUNION ANNUELLE DE L'A.C C./C.C.A. — DU 1 AU 3 MAI A QUÉBEC



The view from the top of the Concord Building — from front to back — the Parliament Buildings, the Citadel, the Chateau Frontenac, St. Lawrence River and Ile d'Orleans.



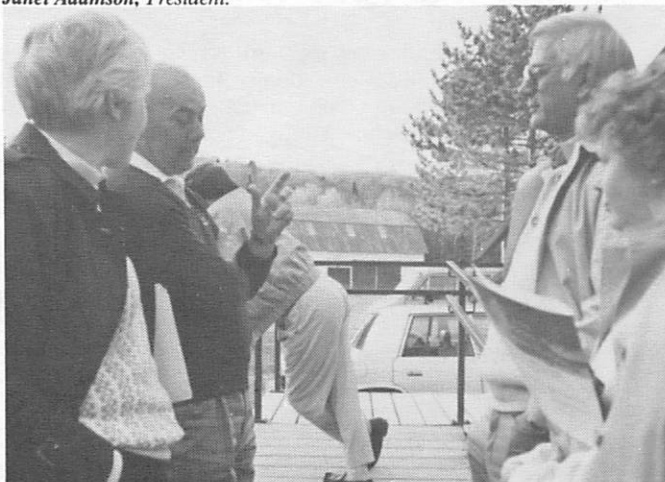
Jean Funk, Chair of Environmental Concerns Committee, reads over the shoulder of Jan James, Western Region Vice President as Patti Thom, Secretary, looks on.



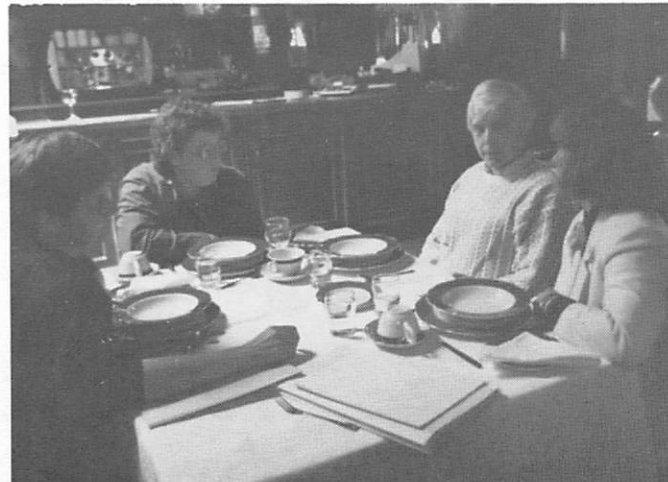
Sue Vail, our Active Plan consultant, discusses Friday's agenda. (L-R) Gerard Bachand, Quebec Region Vice President, Dave Sands, International Camping Congress Liaison, Bob Sperling, President of Alberta Camping Association and Janet Adamson, President.



A group photo of the full President's Council and friends at Camp Oasis just before the Annual Meeting.



Père Paul Bélanger greets members of the President's Council at Camp Oasis before the Annual Meeting. (L-R) Jocelyn Palm, Past President, Père Bélanger, former Vice President, Jack Pearse, Past President and Jane McCutcheon, President of O.C.A.



(L-R) Janet Adamson, President, Sally Moore, Ontario Region Vice President, Jocelyn Palm, Past President chat with Sue Cousineau of Fitness Canada over lunch.



## QUEBEC'S CAMP ASSOCIATION

by COLETTE POULIOT-MARIER



This spring two major events marked the Q.C.A. spring calendar.

One event was a part of the regular calendar. The second one was rather exceptional. **Base de plein air La Vigie** (Lake St-Joseph, Portneuf County) was the site of the annual convention held on April 2nd to 5th. More than 125 persons in charge of camps: directors, counsellors and monitors met to discuss the future of summer camps. The theme was "Demain . . . c'est maintenant", "Tomorrow is now".

On May 1st and 2nd, Quebec City hosted the C.C.A. Board of Management and President's Council Annual Meeting.

The Q.C.A. members, particularly those from Quebec City were delighted to host this event. For their guests, they prepared some sightseeing tours. One tour was a visit to the headquarters' office at Camp Keno (Marist Religious order on St. Louis Road) and another at Camp Oasis Notre Dame (Simon Lake, Portneuf County). The tours were, for both parties, a great source of pleasure.

The Q.C.A. is very pleased to report an increase in its members' participation which is highly noticeable because of these past two events.

## L'ASSOCIATION DES CAMPS DU QUEBEC

by COLLETTE POULIOT-MARIER

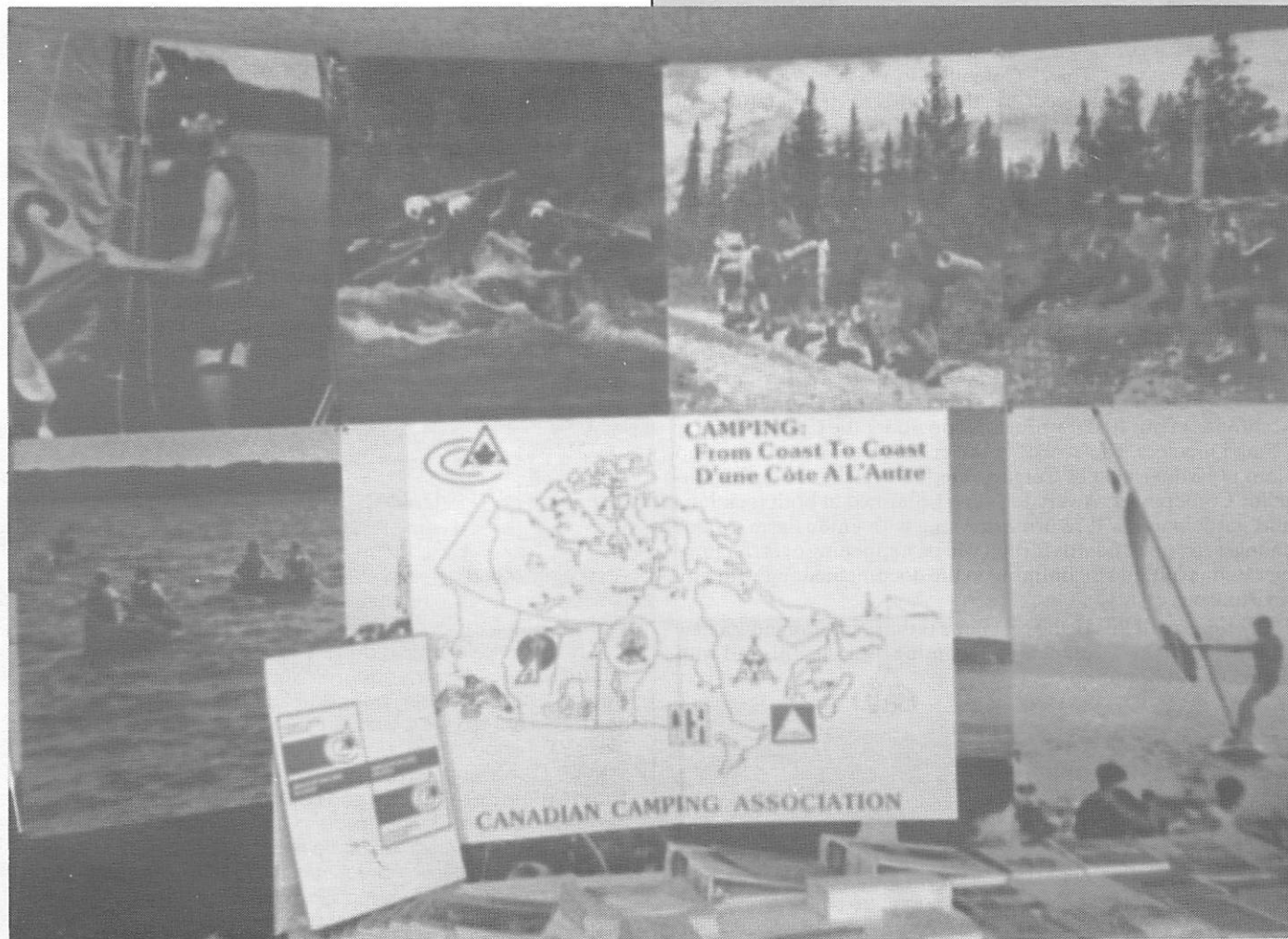


En ce printemps 1987, deux événements ont marqué les activités des l'ACQ. L'un fait partie du calendrier régulier; l'autre s'inscrit à l'agenda des événements plutôt exceptionnels.

Du 2 au 5 avril a eu lieu à la Base de plein air La Vigie (au lac Saint-Joseph, comté de Portneuf) le colloque annuel. Plus de cent vingt-cinq responsables de camp, directeurs, cadres et moniteurs, se sont réunis à cette occasion pour s'interroger sur l'avenir des camps de vacances. C'est notamment autour du thème «Demain . . . c'est maintenant» que les aspects spécifiques de la vie de camp furent abordés.

Les 1<sup>er</sup> et 2 mai c'est tenue à Québec (ville de Québec) la réunion annuelle du Conseil des présidents de l'Association des camps du Canada. Les membres de l'ACQ, tout spécialement ceux de la région de Québec, se sont faits pour la circonstance les fiotes de leurs collègues de camp des autres provinces. Les visites au siège social du Camp Kéno (chez les Pères Maristes, chemin Saint-Louis) et au Camp Oasis Notre-Dame (au lac Simon, comté de Portneuf) furent des rencontres fort appréciées par les membres de l'CCA/ACC. Il faut dire que ce fut un très grand plaisir pour nous de les recevoir.

A l'Association des camps du Québec, la participation des membres, qui ne cesse de croître dans les Commissions et Comités, s'est manifestée concrètement à travers ces deux événements inscrits à notre calendrier du printemps.



The Canadian Camping Association display at the National Conference of Boys and Girls Clubs held in Ottawa at the Westin Hotel, April 9-11, 1987.

The promotional material was supplied by the O.C.A. Office via Sally Moore. The display was set up and manned by Brian Edey (Camp Opemikon) and Barb Gage (Camp Minwassin).





Michael Brandwein, guest speaker at a meeting of the B.C. Camping Association, is flanked by Brian and Janet Adamson. Jack Way, at the podium shares a word with Pat Russell, an Honourary Member of the B.C.C.A. Jack is the past president of the Association.



## ALBERTA

by **BOB SPERLING**  
A.C.A. President

The 22°C weather in Washington, D.C. was replaced by the sub-zero temperatures of Edmonton upon our return from the 2nd International Camping Congress. The temperature however, failed to chill the enthusiasm with which the Alberta delegates returned home, ready to share their new knowledge in preparation for the rapidly oncoming summer.

And opportunities to do just that abound! We'll be meeting lots of people at our Senior Staff Workshop and Counsellor Conferences. Once again the Senior Staff will be at Pioneer Ranch with our keynote speakers being **Dwayne Congdon** of the "Everest Light" Expedition, and **Larry Buell**, author of **The 24-Hour Experience and Outdoor Leadership Competency**. Perhaps the most significant part of the weekend is the simultaneous occurrence of our first training session under the Curriculum for Camp Directors. The YoWoChAs Centre west of Edmonton, and Camp Gardner west of Calgary, are the two sites of our Counsellor Conferences. A very full day is planned at both locations and participants will return brimming with enthusiasm. Major changes in our standards format will be happening over the summer and resultant streamlining to the document along with any revisions necessary.

Exciting as all this is, the best news is that very soon now a new summer's batch of Campers start coming over the hill, and with them, a great Summer.



## ALBERTA

par **B. Sperling**, président de A.C.A.

Une délégation de l'Alberta s'est rendue au deuxième Congrès international de camping qui s'est tenu à Washington D.C. sous une température estivale de 22°C. De retour, elle a été accueillie par un froid glacial. Ce froid n'a cependant pas pu refroidir l'enthousiasme de la délégation qui s'est vite mise au travail afin de se préparer pour la saison d'été qui s'annonce.

L'Association a un besoin pressant de personnes pour son **Atelier pour le personnel senior-ainé et conférences pour moniteurs "Senior Staff Workshop"**.

L'atelier se tiendra au Pronner Ranch. Les conférenciers invités seront **Dwayne Congdon** de l'expédition "Everest Light" et **Larry Buell** auteur de **The 24-hour Experience and Outdoor Leadership Competency**. Le point saillant de cette fin de semaine sera sans doute notre première session entraînement sous liquide du programme pour les directeurs de camps s'y teindra simultanément.

Les deux lieux choisis pour la conférence des Conseillers sont; le centre Yowochas, à l'ouest d'Edmonton et le Camp Gardener, à l'ouest de Calgary. Une journée bien remplie vous y attend tous.

Plusieurs changements au format sont prévus tout au court de l'été. Bien que tout ceci semble très excitant, la meilleure des nouvelles est que bientôt l'été arrivera amenant avec lui des centaines de campeurs.

## ONTARIO

by **JANE McCUTCHEON**  
O.C.A. President



The Ontario Camping Association has welcomed a new Board of Directors for the term 1987-1989. At our Annual Meeting in April we also welcomed three new Honourary Life Members of the O.C.A. — **Dorothy Walter, Anne Prewitt-Eaton and Bruno Morawetz**. Congratulations!

Our spring preparations for summer camp included the annual Counsellor Conference, our Workshop for Camp Nurses and our Skills Weekend — a combined effort of a canoe school, a woodsmanship school and an eco-skills workshop.

The O.C.A. is undergoing an in-depth organizational review — a Task Force Committee headed by **Larry Bell** has been hard at work since February, and we are all keen to see the recommendations and implementation of methods that will help us determine our future direction.

As you read this, there are thousands of children in Ontario preparing bedrolls and trunks in anticipation of their summer camp experience. The O.C.A. wishes all camps in Canada a safe, happy and rewarding summer.

## ONTARIO

par **Jane McCutcheon**



L'A.O.C. a accueilli un nouveau conseil d'administratif pour la période 1987-1989. A cette même assemblée annuelle tenue en avril, l'association ontarienne a aussi accueilli 3 nouveaux membres à titre de membres d'honneur nommés à vie. Ils sont **Dorothy Walter, Anne Prewitt-Eaton et Bruno Morawetz**. Bravo!

Nos préparatifs en vue de l'été comprennent la **Conférence annuelle pour les moniteurs**. Notre **"Workshop for Camp Nurses"** and our **Skills Weekend** un effort combiné pour une école de canotage, de woodsmanship et un atelier sur l'"Eco-Skills Workshop".

L'A.O.C. est entrain de fait une réorganisation profonde. Un **comité d'étude — "task force committee"** sous la direction de **Larry Bell** travaille depuis février à la préparation de recommandations et vise à l'implantation de méthodes susceptible de nous permettre une meilleure direction dans le futur.

Déjà, en ce moment, des milliers d'enfants dans province sont à préparer leur attirail de camping, prêt à vivre une expérience estivale. L'A.O.C. désire souhaiter à tous les camps du Canada, un été rempli de joie, de plaisir et de soleil. Soyez prudents!



# Committee Notes / Les Notes Des Comités

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

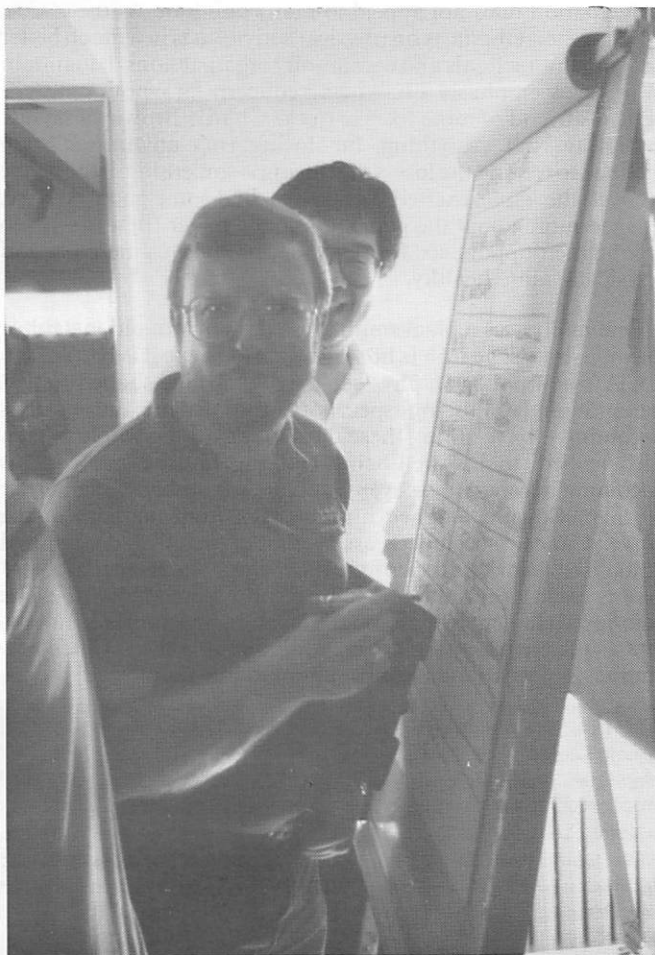
by ALAYNE SCANLON

"I am pleased to have been invited to serve as chairperson on the CCA/ACC Public Relations Committee. At present, our committee consists of a small core group of people. On an ad hoc basis, we will add persons of a particular expertise to assist in fulfilling our mandate of enhancing the image of camping across Canada.

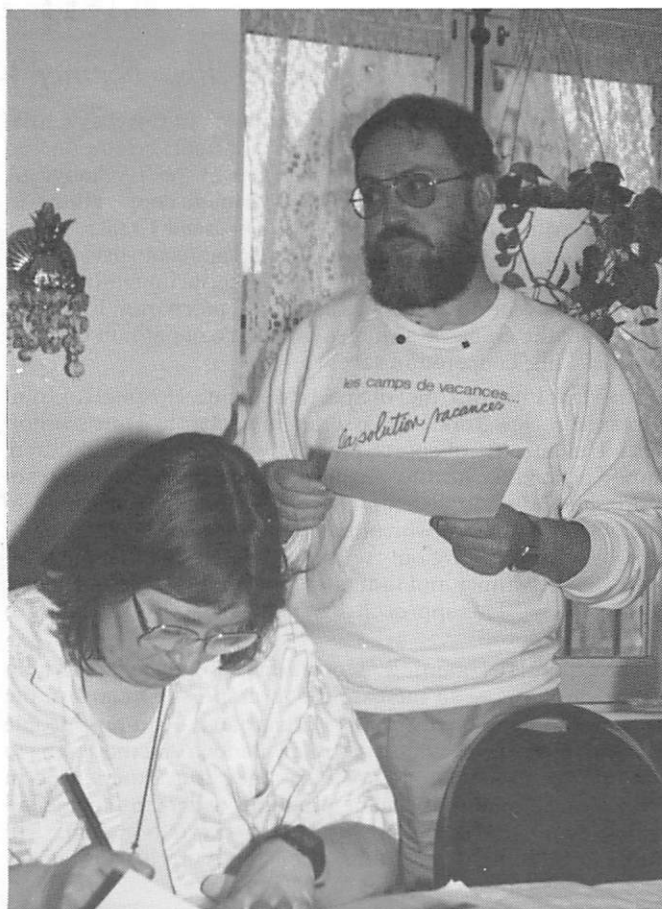
### CHANGES!!

Changes have taken place in the CCA/ACC Board of Management and Committee Structure. We welcome **Gerard Bachand** as Vice-President for Quebec. To retiring Quebec VP, **Ken Willis**, we offer a thank you for a job very well done over the past six years. The CCA/ACC Certificate of Honour that **Ken** received is indeed very well deserved.

New committee chairpersons are **Colette Pouliot-Marier** for French Language, **Alayne Scanlon** for Public Relations, and **Diane Blair** for the PARC Advisory Committee. **Fred Okada** will be heading the National Conference Task Force and **Dorothy Walter** the Seminar Task Force. WELCOME!



*Glenn Barned, Chair of National Conferences and Workshop Committee, takes his turn at the flip chart. O.C.A. Past-President, Fred Okada, assists in the background.*



*Gerard Bachand, the former Chair of the French Language Committee and the new Vice President for Quebec makes his report while Jean Funk, Chair of the Environmental Concerns Committee takes notes.*

## Comités des relations publiques

par ALAYNE SCANLON

Je suis heureux d'avoir été invités à servir comme présidente des comités des relations publiques de l'A.C.C./C.C.A. Présentement, le comité ne consiste que d'un petit groupe de personnes. Nous comptons pouvoir augmenter ce nombre de personnes, ainsi avec leurs connaissances, nous pourrions enfin arriver à remplir notre mandat qui nous a été donné; ceci à fin de rehausser l'image du camping au Canada.

### Changements

Voici les changements qui ont eu lieu dans le Conseil administratif et du comité des structures au sein de l'A.C.C./C.C.A.

Nous accueillons. **Gérard Bachand**, président adjoint du Québec.

Nous remercions. **Ken Willis** pour son travail pendant les six dernières années en tant que président-adjoint du Québec. Il a bien mérité son certificat d'honneur de l'A.C.C./C.C.A.

**Colette Pouliot-Marier**, présidente du nouveau comité de la langue française.

**Alayne Scanlon** aux relations publiques et **Diane Blair** aux Comité consultatif de "PARC".

**Fred Okada** a la tête du groupement des Conférences nationales et **Dorothy Walter** au séminaires (Task force).



# WHITHER CCA'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EMPHASIS?

by Ken Willis, *Former Vice President, Quebec Region*

"Cranes soar higher than Amerika does." In this way Christopher Young, in a recent article in the Montreal Gazette, uttered the same thought as Brian Kahn, creator of the T.V. movie, *A Thousand Cranes*, when he said: "Only through cooperation will life on Earth survive." The movie *A Thousand Cranes*, shows cooperation between Russian and American ecologists to save rare cranes. *Amerika*, of course, is the T.V. serial imagining life in America ten years after the Russians have taken over. But in his film about the cranes, Kahn is saying that competition between societies kills; cooperation saves.

Dr. Mark Pitman, Chief of Sports Medicine, Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York City, asserted in a letter to Time's editor, that "The purpose of sports, especially in the case of children, should be to make healthy people happier. The concept of team sports has failed to accomplish this. Rather than learning to interact and cooperate with others, youngsters are taught to compete. Team sports have only reinforced the notion that the team on top is the winner and that all others are losers." Dr. Pitman goes on to say: "This approach does not make sports appealing to many children."

The Canadian Camping Association is adding to its program a new emphasis — to increase the awareness in camps of the need for physical activity. Along which road are camping people going to move as they increase this awareness? Are they going to slip into the disastrous, competitive maelstrom experienced in school and community team programs where mothers and fathers among the spectators have been known to scream, "Kill him!" to their eight year old son on the atom league hockey team?

Our society is drowning in the antagonistic feelings nurtured partially by professional and amateur team sports and, to a smaller degree, by the very academic program of many school classrooms.

Camping people must fight against this current as they emphasize greater awareness of physical activity in camp programming. Indeed, among senior campers it could be very healthful for their emotional well-being for us to discuss frankly and fully the social values which are nourished by cooperation and starved by competition.

Camps are probably doing more than their share to help young people to learn how to live well together. Hiking trips, canoe trips, mountain climbs, cooperative games, ropes courses and challenging initiative activities are just a few of the popular, physical activities which lend themselves beautifully to the development of shared efforts. We can also achieve desirable goals by avoiding the pitting of one person against another — by keeping individual records of growth and achievement in walking, running, climbing or other exercising. We must avoid comparing apples and oranges. Oranges can never have rosy cheeks like some apples. Even greening apples cannot have rosy cheeks. Short, heavy children can rarely become winners in foot races with taller, slimmer children. A well shaped runner who does not like competing may compare well in a race with a less well-shaped but gung-ho competitor. Why do we, in physical activities, compare unequals and reward the more competent? Just because six girls in a race are all twelve years old and about the same size does not make them all equally competent to win the race. In our new C.C.A. program, let us look more critically at highly competitive activities and search for more mentally and socially healthful alternative ways of providing the physical exercise.

Fitness Canada and the C.C.A. are right in encouraging Canadians to be more conscious of the need for young (and all) people to keep in good physical condition. In these days of getting our sports by observing them from an armchair in front of a T.V., there is urgency in *Participation's* messages. The C.C.A. could influence half a million children each year to see more clearly the need for the regular exercising of their cardio-vascular and muscular systems to avoid falling into the habit of paying others to exercise for sports rather than to serve themselves through the pleasure and healthful invigoration of simple, individual activities available to all of us most of the time.

"Issues in Preventive Health Care" by Ray Jackson, a recent Science Council of Canada discussion paper, points out how current trends in health care are likely to become an inconceivably heavy financial burden on Canada's taxpayers. The way to avoid such a disaster, the report urges, is to place on illness prevention all the emphasis needed to persuade all Canadians to find out about and undertake an adequate program of self-help for physical — and emotional — well-being. Physical well-being might be provided for by training for team sports, but, as indicated by Dr. Pitman above, the intense competition of such participation does not appeal to many children. As the C.C.A. develops new emphasis on physical activity, it is in a much better position than schools and community organizations to maintain in this new emphasis a balancing concern for emotional well-being. A friend of mine likes to quote Charlie Brown as saying: "Winning isn't everything, but losing isn't anything." I am inclined to remind the losers that losing is something, if they have enjoyed the game, exerted themselves, had some good exercise, learned more about the game and made better friends — even among their opponents. Losing, too, can make us mentally and physically more healthy.

One rarely sees a blacksmith these days but an old metaphor may illustrate. The iron is hot. The time to shape it is NOW. The C.C.A.'s new policy on physical activity must be shaped so that the emotional well-being aspect is incorporated into the plan. It is becoming the "in" thing these days to regard the whole person with respect to his well-being. Talking holistic medicine is becoming acceptable — even popular. We all know the author Norman Cousins laughed himself back from the edge of the grave. Cancer specialists assert that a positive determined attitude can work miracles for cancer cure. The *Reader's Digest* asserts each month that "Laughter is the Best Medicine". The emotional element in a physical education program is as important as the exercise part. Let us, while shaping the C.C.A.'s new emphasis, give abundant recognition to this point.

La nouvelle politique de A.C.C. sur les activités physiques doit être formulée de façon à y inclure non seulement les activités physiques mais aussi doit englober l'aspect bien être mental et émotionnel de la personne. Nous connaissons tous l'étonnante histoire du célèbre auteur Norman Cousins qui fut presque ressuscité d'entre les morts. Les autorités médicales s'accordent tous à dire que la disposition mentale d'un patient fait plus de miracles que la médecine, surtout en ce qui concerne le cancer.

L'aspect émotif d'un bon programme physique est aussi important que l'activité physique elle-même. Faisons en sorte, que notre politique reconnaisse ce point de vue.



## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARDS

by *JANET ADAMSON*  
*PRESIDENT C.C.A.*

All of you on the new Board will participate in many meetings and as I thought about what to say to you, I thought that if I gave you five hints for Board meetings, I would perhaps contribute something to your installation as officers of the Board.

- 1) First rule — remember a camel is a horse invented by a committee — we all know and believe in the synergy created by a group, but keep looking over your shoulder for those camels.
- 2) Second rule — How many times have you heard “oh we tried that in 1914 — it didn’t work”. Mark Twain says “We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it and stop there, lest we be like the cat that sits on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again and that is well; but she will never sit down on a cold one either.”
- 3) Third rule — Speak out, shout out, beat the table, wake them up; — Maybe your opinion or solution is the one the world has been waiting for. Teddy Roosevelt said, “Far better it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows no victory nor defeat.”
- 4) Fourth rule — Don’t criticize others — next month you might be the one to blow it.
- 5) Fifth rule — From Alexander Pope, “A man should never be ashamed to say he has been wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.”

And now your agenda for the next two years: as a member of your Association, I plead with you to put two things on that agenda. The first is contained in this thought, “Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed; if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases; if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clean air and dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last silence, so that never again will Canadians be free in their own country from noise, exhaust, the stink of human and automotive waste.”

The second item on your agenda is the most important. You have been chosen to be our leaders. Amid all the complex business of Association work, please never, ever forget why we have an Association — those children who attend our camps. Thank you for taking on the responsibility of leadership. We wish you well.

### IMPORTANT! Curriculum Corrections

Fitness Canada has received, reviewed and applauded the new C.C.A. document, “Curriculum for Camp Directors: A Professional Development Resource.” Please note the two errors in your own copies and make the corrections.

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## WHAT IS PARC?

PARC STANDS FOR PHYSICAL RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE, so named by Fitness Canada. Through PARC, and our new PARC employee, Aniko Varpalotai, the CCA/ACC plans to take an active leadership role in increasing the quality and quantity of physical activity in Canadian Camps. These are the goals of PARC and the CCA/ACC:

To increase the awareness of the benefits of physical activity in camping. — **AWARENESS.**

To develop the leadership of paid and volunteer management and program staff in physical activity programs. Target groups: Camp Directors, Counsellors, CIT’s, Activity Specialists, and Management Boards. — **LEADERSHIP.**

To develop, promote, evaluate and support the implementation of the delivery of quality physical activity programs in camps. — **PROGRAMS.**

To liaise with affiliated and allied physical activity organizations. — **NETWORK.**

To establish the human, physical and financial support required to ensure the achievement of the PARC mandate. — **MANAGEMENT.**

Please welcome Aniko Varpalotai, our new PARC Director.

Aniko has been involved in family camping since early childhood and became active in organized camp work during the completion of her undergraduate degree in physical and health education at Queen’s University. She directed the YMCA and YWCA day camps in Niagara Falls for three summers, and during that time attended the Bark Lake Camp Directors’ Workshop. In the meantime, Aniko completed her Master’s degree, also at Queen’s University in the Sociology of Sport and Leisure. She was coaching a girls’ ringette team while in Kingston and was hired to work at the Quanaah Ringette Camp in Haliburton as a Senior Resource Staff, where her primary responsibility was to coordinate the Leader-in-Training program. During the three years that Aniko worked at Quanaah she developed the program and produced a handbook for the dual training of camp counsellors and ringette instructors.

Aniko is currently completing her PhD thesis at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, in the department of Sociology in Education. Her thesis research was actually carried out at Quanaah where she interviewed the staff and some of the older campers. The subject of Aniko’s thesis is the leisure education of adolescent girls, with a case study of girls who continue to participate extensively in sports.

During her years of graduate studies she has worked as a teaching assistant at both the University of Toronto and Queen’s in their Schools of Physical and Health Education. Aniko also spent a year, following the completion of her M.A., as a full-time research assistant, at Queen’s, on a project documenting federal government sport, recreation and fitness policy-making.

Aniko is anticipating an exciting and challenging year as the PARC director of the CCA, and looks forward to meeting and working together with the CCA to make this project a success!



## Réflexions sur l'introduction de nouveaux conseils

par Janet Adamson  
présidente de l'A.C.C.

A tous les nouveaux conseillers qui siégeront sur des conseils et réunions laissez-moi vous donner quelques conseils.

1) **Première règle:** Rappelez-vous que le chameau est un cheval inventé par un comité. Nous connaissons tous et nous croyons tous à la dynamique de groupe, mais il ne faut jamais perdre de vue le chameau.

2) **Deuxième règle:** Combien de fois avez-vous entendu "Nous avons déjà essayé ceci ou cela et ça n'a rien donné. Mark Twain disait: Il ne faut pas tirer plus conclusion d'une expérience que ce qu'elle a à offrir. Ne soyons pas comme le chat échaudé qui a aussi peur de l'eau froide.

3) **Troisième règle:** Dites ce que vous avez à dire, criez la même secouez les gens. Votre idée ou votre opinion est peut-être celle que tout le monde attendait. Teddy Roosevelt disait à peu près ceci: A vaincre sans péril on triomphe sans gloire.

4) **Quatrième règle:** Il ne faut jamais critiquer les erreurs des autres car la prochaine peut être la vôtre.

5) **Cinquième règle:** D'Alexander Pope nous retenons: Un homme ne doit jamais avoir peur d'avouer qu'il a eu tort car du fait même, il en est que plus sage.

Voilà maintenant votre agenda pour les deux prochaines années. Dans votre agenda, je vous pris d'accorder une place toute particulière à ces deux choses.

La première continue dans cette idée. Que du bien sera dit d'un peuple qui aura réussi à garder le peu de la nature qui reste, telle qu'elle, sauvage. Si nous arrivons à garder intacte la dernière forêt avant qu'on en fasse du papier pour les bande-dessinées ou pour des étuis à cigarettes en plastique, si nous arrivons à sauver de la captivité, la dernière espèce animale d'un zoo de sa destruction finale, si nous arrivons à garder clair et limpide le dernier ruisseau, ou courant d'air et que nous arrivons à conserver le silence, la propriété et la beauté de la plus lointaine forêt des déchets humains, alors nous n'aurons pas travaillé en vain.

La deuxième partie de l'agenda est toute aussi importante. Vous avez été choisi pour guider, menez. Dans votre travail au sein de l'Association ne perdez jamais de vue, pourquoi vous avez été choisi comme leader: ce sont pour ces milliers d'enfants qui assisteront à nos camps.

Merci, d'avoir accepté un tel rôle, un tel défi et une telle responsabilité. Tous mes vœux vous accompagnent.

### IMPORTANT

#### Corrections du programme

Participation Canada a reçu et a approuvé le nouveau document sur le développement des directeurs de camp, un développement de ressources professionnelles de l'A.C.C.

Notez et corrigez

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## Qu'est-ce que "PARC"

Parc, c'est pour: "Physical Activity Responsibility Centre" — le Centre responsable des activités physiques — ainsi appelé par Participation-Canada et l'A.C.C.

Ce programme, sous la direction d'Aniko Varpalotai vise à augmenter les activités dans les camps canadiens.

Voici les objectifs fixés par Participation-Canada et l'A.C.C./C.C.A.

Promouvoir les biens-faits de l'activité physique en plein air — **PRISE DE CONSCIENCE.**

Développer les aptitudes de leader parmi les employés à salaire ou volontaires. Développer de meilleurs programmes d'activités physiques à tous les échelons de l'Association — **LEADERSHIP.**

Développer, promouvoir et soutenir l'implantation des programmes d'activités physiques de qualité dans les camps — **PROGRAMMES.**

Créer un réseau de communication entre les organismes affiliés — **COMMUNICATION.**

Etablir un lien de soutien entre les échelons humains, physiques et financiers afin d'assurer le plein épanouissement du mandat que c'est donné PARC — **ADMINISTRATION.**

C'est, ce que compte faire la nouvelle directrice de PARC, Aniko Varpalotai.

Aniko, c'est toujours intéressée de façon active à la vie en plein air. Pendant qu'elle préparait son brevet en éducation physique loisirs et santé qu'elle a obtenue de l'Université Queen, elle a pendant trois ans, dirigé le YMCA de Niagara Falls tout en suivant un atelier pour directeur de camp à Bark Lake. Elle a ensuite obtenu une maîtrise en sociologie des sports et loisirs. Elle a été entraîneur d'une équipe de ringette à Kingston et directrice du Quanaah Ringette Camp de Haliburton à titre de coordonnatrice de "Leader-in-Training Program." En plus, elle a développé un document portant sur le développement des directeurs des camp et des entraîneurs de ringette.

Présentement, Aniko complète sa thèse de doctorat en sociologie d'éducation à O.I.S.E. (Institut des Études en Éducation de l'Ontario). C'est au camp Quanaah qu'elle a observé et interviewé le personnel ainsi que quelques campeurs. Elle a aussi mené les recherches de sa thèse. Elles portaient sur l'étude de jeunes adolescentes et de leurs intérêts de leur poursuite dans le domaine des sports du loisir et de la santé. Pendant ces années de formation universitaire Aniko a aussi travaillé à l'Université de Toronto en tant qu'aide-professeur dans le domaine de l'éducation physique du loisir et de la santé. Ensuite se fut en tant qu'assistante recherchiste à Queens sur un programme de rédaction des politiques d'un projet fédéral sur les sports, le loisir et la santé.

C'est donc avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme qu'Aniko entreprend la direction de PARC.

Elle compte rencontrer et travailler de très près avec les membres de l'A.C.C. afin de faire de ce projet un éclatant succès.



## Between The Covers



### EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

This is a dynamite new project for your environment or nature program. The kit includes 5 illustrated panels in full colour, each 60 x 30 cm and a 42 page Teacher/Leader Guide.

The illustrations are of the same camp setting beside a lake and removed from an urban development in the distance. The first illustration depicts the 1940's and 1950's, the next ones are 1960, then 1970, 1980 and 1986. In each illustration, one sees the changes over time. Each season is represented and different times of day have been selected.

The Teacher/Leader Guide begins with a description of each panel and what to look for in the panel with reference to eight major themes:

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| * activities  | * human intervention |
| * ecology     | * facilities         |
| * environment | * technology         |
| * economics   | * people             |

The next portion of the Guide examines each theme. Opportunities to observe the illustrations will give campers an immediate understanding and appreciation of the impact of humans on the environment as well as the value of restorative ecology.

This learning tool utilizes a camp setting making it ideally suited to camping and outdoor education programs. A few moments with the Teacher/Leader Guide opens the possibilities for activities using the illustrations.

Cost: \$48. per kit (Member)  
\$56. per kit (Non-member).

## CCA Bookstore News!

The 10% tariff on imported books has been dropped. All future sales of these books will receive the appropriate discount. The Publications 1987 catalogue prices have changed to reflect this new policy as of May 1, 1987.

Books listed in "Between the Covers" are available from the Canadian Camping Association Bookstore.

Orders that are \$20.00 or less must be prepaid with \$2.00 added for shipping. Contact the C.C.A. office by mail or phone:

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## Entre Les Lignes



*Jan James (left), co-author of "Exploring Environmental Change" presents a copy of the publication to Janet Adamson, President.*

### L'environnement en évolution

Quel document pour notre programme sur l'étude de la nature. Cette trousse comprend 5 panneaux illustrés en couleur, chacun mesurant 60 x 30 cm; accompagné d'un guide de 42 page pour le professeur.

Les illustrations ont été tirées du même lieu, un camp, loin de la vie urbaine. Chaque saison y est représentée à différents de temps de la journée.

La première nous montre le lieu entre les années 40 et 50, la deuxième, le même lieu durant les années 50 à 60, entre 1960 à 70, de 70 à 80 et de 80 à 1986. Nous pouvons ainsi mieux observer et comprendre les changements encourus.

Le guide du professeur, nous donne la description thématique de chaque panneau. Il souligne 8 points d'étude et d'observation importants —

- les activités à faire
- l'aspect écologique
- l'environnement
- l'aspect économique
- les interventions humaines
- les installations
- l'aspect technologique
- les personnes

Les campeurs ont aussi l'occasion d'observer, de mieux comprendre et d'apprécier le fragile équilibre de la nature qui risque à tout moment d'être renversé. Il y a aussi les mérites de programmes tels que le reboisement et le rétablissement de l'équilibre naturel.

Cette trousse est idéale pour l'industrie du camping puisqu'elle utilise dans ces exemples, un lieu tel que nos camps et vient ajouter à nos efforts éducatifs des activités en plein air.

Prix \$48.00 pour les membres  
\$56.00 pour les non-membres



## LEAD ON... COUNSELLOR

What a pleasure to do a review of this book, my favorite camp staff book. It's exciting, enthusiastic, creative, fun to read and even more fun to use the ideas presented.

I have to hand it to our four authors who have found a realistic and enthusiastic way to relay those all important counsellor facts to new staff, without scaring them off.

Counsellors are the backbone of most camps, and this wonderful book teaches these young people just that. One of the strongest messages we get from "Lead On... Counsellor" is that "we are all here for our campers — they must be our top priority." This is exemplified in the quote:

"A CAREFUL FELLOW I WANT TO BE  
A LITTLE FELLOW FOLLOWS ME  
I DO NOT DARE TO GO ASTRAY  
FOR FEAR HE'LL GO THE SELF SAME WAY"

taken from page 5, written by John Wooden.

I would even recommend that every director read thoroughly "Lead On... Counsellor" to gain some insight on his/her staff. My only complaint is that it is not longer!

Truly one of the best books YOU can buy... I never go anywhere without at least one copy!

LEAD ON... COUNSELLOR, Camp Tawingo Publications, 272 p., 1982. Cost: \$8.00.

## LEAD ON... COUNSELLOR

Quel plaisir pour moi d'avoir l'occasion d'écrire dans ma préférence, une courte éloge de ce merveilleux livre. **Lead On... Counsellor** — que je traduirais. Après vous, messieurs les conseillers.

Ce livre est dynamique, électrifant, créatif et pratique. Aux quatre auteurs de ce livre, je lève mon chapeau. Il ont réussi à communiquer de façon intéressante et énergique, toute l'information pertinente aux moniteurs surtout aux nouveaux venus, sans les avoir endormis, affolés ou effrayés.

Ce livre est pour eux. Ils sont le squelette, la charpente des camps. Le plus grand message du livre est que notre devoir envers les campeurs, sa première et principale leçon est que les campeurs sont ou devraient être numéro un. Voilà ce que John Wooden écrit à cet effet à la page cinq:

"que de prudence et un bon  
exemple je me dois d'être  
car un petit bonhomme me suit  
je n'oserais m'égaler  
de peur qu'il me suive"

Je recommande fortement à tous les directeurs ce livre **Lead on... Counsellor** afin qu'ils aient une meilleure compréhension de leur personnel. Le seul défaut de ce livre, c'est qu'il est trop court. C'est vraiment le meilleur livre que vous puissiez acheter. J'ai toujours avec moi au moins une copie.

**Lead on Counsellor.**

Publications Camp Tawingo, 272 p., 1982, \$8.00.

## disponible à la librairie de l'A.C.C.

— La surtaxe de 10% sur les livres importés n'est plus en vigueur.

— A l'avenir, toutes ventes de cette matière sera assujettie au rabais prévu. Vous trouverez dans le catalogue de **Publication 87**, les changements de prix reflétant cette nouvelle politique en vigueur depuis le 1<sup>er</sup> mai, 1987. Tous les livres mentionnés dans la chronique "**Entre les lignes**" sont disponibles à la librairie de l'A.C.C.

Les commandes de \$20.00 et moins doivent être payées comptant, prière d'ajouter \$2.00 pour frais de livraison.

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# CAMP SUDACA

CAMP SUDACA is pleased to announce that 1987 marks its 20th anniversary. Reunion events are now being planned for the week-end of August 1st and 2nd, 1987.

Any former staff or camper is encouraged to contact  
Lionel Courtemanche for details.



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# CAMPING TOMORROW — WHAT DOES TODAY TELL

*At the 1987 O.C.A. Conference for Directors and Senior Staff,  
the Keynote Speaker was Armand Ball, Executive Vice-President  
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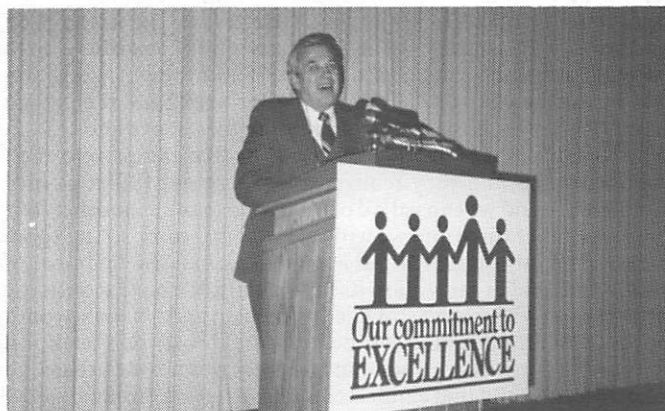
## **La qualité de la vie en plein air d'hier sera-t-elle celle de demain?**

- de la Conférence de l'A.C.O. pour les directeurs  
et le personnel senior, 1987.
- conférence invitée, **Armand Ball**, président — adjoint  
à l'exécutif  
de l'association du camping American, l'A.C.A.

Le camping et la vie en plein air ne nous a pas été donné légèrement. La tradition et le patrimoine de la vie en plein air ne nous a pas été transmise de façon nonchalante. Ce qui nous a été transmis par les générations passées, nous nous devons de la transmettre aux générations futures tel quel. Voilà notre responsabilité envers la génération prochaine.

Thank you — it is good to be back in Toronto and it is particularly nice to be really at the Ontario Camping Association Conference for my first time. I feel like I have been to Toronto so many times on various camping events and so forth that I hadn't realized that I really hadn't been to an OCA Conference before, so when Joanne called I realized that this was a real treat for me. We are looking forward to the first week of March and to seeing many of you — about 150 — already registered for the International Camping Congress in Washington and we are working hard to try to keep up with what you did here a few years ago and it promises to be a very exciting event and we are very appreciative of your participation and your leadership in this pattern.

I have a very warm and personal sort of feeling for Canada. For thirteen years I directed a canoe tripping camp on the northern Minnesota border within about thirteen miles of the Canadian border and about 50% of the trips we took were in Canada and during my thirteen years there I vicariously helped plan and live through six and seven week trips that extended from Montreal to the Pacific Ocean, Hudson's Bay to the Arctic Ocean, all across the barren land and I feel a real kinship and a real sense of the marvellous wilderness that you have preserved so well in this country. I have a great appreciation, vicariously also, because it came from the young people who tripped in Canada during those years, for the Canadian people. For wherever we were, whether it was Indians or whether it was Canadians in the back bush along the way across the country, our campers always came back with a great appreciation of the hospitality and the warmth that the Canadians gave to them in their visits here. And it was as common to sing around our campfire "O Canada" as it was many of our American folk songs. So it is with real warmth that I am delighted to be here and be a part of this gathering this evening. It is with some hesitancy that I talk a bit about camping tomorrow and where we have been in camping. I was glad that at least you defined it well enough to say that I could talk about trends in the United States because I would be very hesitant to apply those to Canada, though, I gather there are some applications, unfortunate applications in some regards in terms of trends and so forth in our country. So you must keep in mind that if I talk this evening at least initially as I converse about some of the things that I have seen happen in our country in the last decade that has really affected camping, I am not necessarily saying that is the case here. You'll have to make that judgment or that application. But I would say that as I looked at these sorts of things that have occurred and then went back and sort of looked over them there



are very few of them that I see as halting at this time, that I do not see continuing to affect the life of the camping movement in our country. Now I am going to go through a mish mash of things that I trust you are not going to try to take notes on, I did take the liberty of putting it on some blue pages down here on the floor a couple of sheets that summarize some of those trends as I have seen them — you can pick up after the session and not shuffle papers while I am talking and not have to take notes either and go to sleep if you want to and we can work from there.

There have been really three factors, major general factors that have greatly influenced camping in our country over the last decade. One of them is the whole population demographics of our country. We have seen in this decade a dramatic drop in the number of traditional camper age persons. The youth in our country dropped dramatically during this ten years. Now, interestingly it was not something we did not know was going to happen because if we had stopped and looked at the demographics at the beginning of the seventies we would have known that the birthrate had dropped and that the natural happening in the birthrate dropping was that we were going to have less campers six years later. But, as usual we didn't always look ahead with great foresight — when it happened to us we began to think, gee, we have fewer six, seven and eight year olds and by the time it got to be ten and twelve year olds you begin to catch on that it was with us to stay for a while. But it has had a dramatic effect. It has meant that Camp Directors have suddenly realized that we have got to fill camp — we have empty beds. So they have diversified the clientele that they serve, begun to serve adults, begun to realize that there are a lot more senior adults around, and begun to serve senior adults, begun to realize that we can rent a whole week of camp or bring in a whole group of camp people with muscular dystrophy. Next week we can bring in a whole group of persons with diabetes, the next week we can bring a whole group of persons with cancer and we can serve this particular health specialty. It is amazing the rapid increase of service to very specialized health problems in our country. A very exciting sort of program really. Sort of a diversification of the sort of thing we have done in terms of service to the disabled and we have really seen many of these youngsters in disabled camps who are not greatly handicapped move in mainstream into ordinary camp programs and ordinary camp populations but we have really diversified the clientele we serve. The same time our agency and



church camps have said we have got to use our facility all year long particularly if we are near the city, if we have some way to winterize, if it is somewhat cost efficient for us to do so we will rent the camp out, we will bring out groups in, we will fill the beds to offset our losses in the summer in this fashion. Other camps have said we have gotten four sessions of campers and we will fill each one of them 75%. Maybe what we should really do is cut back to three sessions and to fill them 100% and so we have seen the shortening of seasons in many camp settings. In many of the traditional eight week camps which are very strong in the State and parts of the country, we have seen stepping back a little bit to two four week sessions. Taking youngsters for eight weeks but willing to take youngsters for at least four weeks and then going home. We have seen a demise of camps in the agency and church field where an organization had four or five camps in a metropolitan area and they realized they were not filling all five camps, they said we can get rid of one camp and fill the other four or fill the other three and we will get rid of two camps. And so we have seen many organizations actually lose in the net number of camps that that organization has nationally. We have seen many private camps who have struggled to keep up and when the youth population dropped that was the straw that broke their back and they decided to hang up their hat and there was no one to pass the camp down to and that camp is closed. We have seen camp directors become concerned first about marketing — they learned a whole new word — marketing, and they began to talk it and they began to go to conferences, they began to go to workshops and the first priority was to find the camper and many camp directors who have been relaxed and had always gotten their campers by word of mouth and filled up about the first of January . . . after they struggled to the first of June to get a reasonable number in camp the next year were out beating the bushes in September. And the whole attitude about getting campers really changed in a short period of time and we saw referral agencies flourish and I gather that is not a phenomena that has really extended itself greatly into Canada but it has really flourished particularly in the eastern coast where agencies recruit campers for camps which pay them 10%-15% of the fees for that camper. That has grown greatly during this period, to the point that some camps have relied so heavily that they are getting 20% of their campers from referral services. You can calculate that out in your head, can't you and get the financial implications of that for a camp budget? Now all of a sudden the youth population is growing again — about 5 or 6 years ago we began to have a mini baby boom and suddenly we are getting 6, 7 and 8 year olds back at camp and now there are promises that we are going to have that sort of population now for another 6 or 8 years. So we are beginning to see a little imbalance in camp populations. Lots more younger campers than older campers but at the same time, of course, those places where we did not have campers, those persons have grown up and they are now staff age and there is a 25% shrinkage in the young adult population in our country in the last couple of years. And suddenly staff is the name of the game — it is very difficult to get staff and we are struggling with that issue of how do you find staff in a decreasing market where even the fast food outlets are advertising in big ads and paying \$5 and \$6 an hour for persons to work at McDonalds and Wendys and so on and that suddenly puts another tight squeeze on the camp market in terms of staff. During this period we have gradually increased our reliance upon international staff and I would guess that many camps in our country today have 25% or more of their staff who come as international staff. When they couldn't find male counsellors they turned to Bunacamp or Camp America or International Student Service to provide these staff. No one is talking right now about what happens when those young adults become the child bearing parents and obviously with fewer of those parents we will have fewer children again so we will have less campers but we will have the larger child population which will have produced a larger staff population so we will see that cycle roll over again in about 10-12 years. The whole picture has greatly affected peoples

attitudes in terms of marketing and how they deal with camp populations. Apart from that a little different sort of demographic development is the recognition in our country of the large population of senior adults that has come about through health care, through improved vigour in terms of the older adult and the possibilities of camps offering a whole new horizon for senior adults in terms of programming and activities and we are just really getting into that in some realistic fashion and that is an exciting dimension. The second factor that has made a significant impact in this period of time is the whole economic picture and that one I recall we share with you because you have gone through some of the similar ups and downs of inflation and recession and I gather relatively speaking have affected you as abruptly as they have affected us, unfortunately. That has meant to us a real increase in fees. Fees are much higher — probably double — what they were ten years ago in terms of camp. Camper fees have increased drastically. We have seen a shortening of sessions in many, particularly non-profit camps who rather than raise their fees will cut a day and charge for 6 days what they would have charged for 7 days and done that not once but twice and that has affected in my mind the quality of the experience that many youngsters get. And some camps, I would unfortunately suggest have cut corners. I don't mean just cut cost and we all have to do that but cut corners in terms of providing a quality experience sometimes for youngsters in order to balance the books and that does not profit anyone, least of all the camper. But while we have seen the problem with fees and cost and all of that, of course the land on which the camps sit has increased in value 2 and 3 and 4 times in this decade and suddenly the investment a person has in a property or organization has in the property is tremendous — well that is great, that is fine until the mother organization gets in serious trouble because the youth population has been declining and that youth organization at the local level is not prepared for and suddenly they are in great economic trouble and because the camp is not full suddenly they decide, well, we have this piece of property and the camp is not full and the campers can go to this other agency's camp so we will sell the camp and get that money, save the mother agency and camping goes down the drain. And we have seen that repeated not once, not twice but many times and in some of the largest metropolitan areas in our country. At the same time we have seen camps that have hung on and grown larger, particularly if an organization is consolidating camps like we spoke of in the first part where we had five camps and then three — obviously those camps have gotten larger. They have added some buildings. We have not decreased in terms of building camps, we have a camp that spent 4 million dollars last year in renovation and addition to its property. There are camps that are building, that are adding, that are modernizing. So it is not that some camps are not enlarging but it is that many camps have not had that option and then we have the case of the private camps where you have the owner, the director, who have not put much aside for retirement, certainly not in proportion to the inflation that we have felt during this period and suddenly it is faced to getting very close to retirement and there is no one in the family who wants the camp



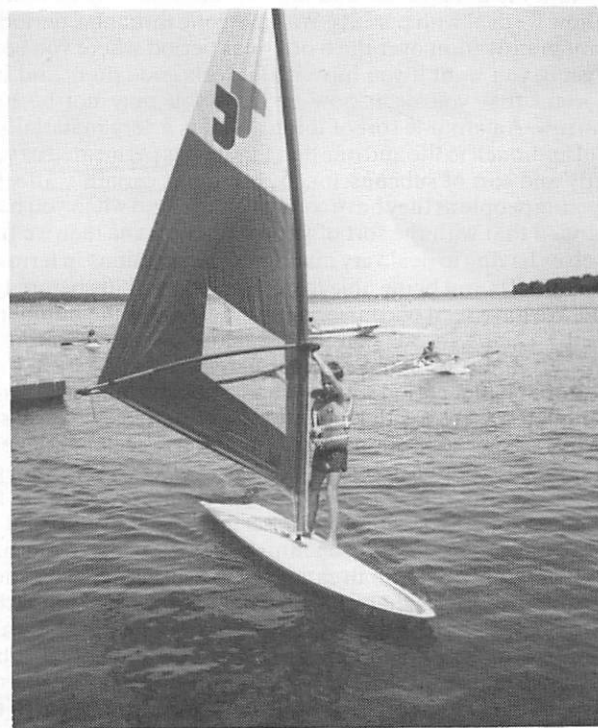
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and here the property is worth 4 times what it was and certainly 3 times what it would be worth to sell as a camp in today's market. But if we sold it for development on this lake front we can get that much more and it has been a real struggle for some people who have wound up selling the camp for development purposes and therefore really ensuring their retirement years because of the income from it. It is a tragedy because in the process we have lost open space, we have lost a camp and we have lost a lot of heritage. And then of course we have had the wonderful interest rates that we have enjoyed for a while during this period and the people who enjoyed them the most were the insurance companies. They suddenly realized that they could make a mint by getting all the premiums in and investing them — they could make more than they could by all the underwriting they ever did. So they went to town building buildings and making money and they wrote as much insurance as they could — very competitive market, very soft market. Then all of a sudden interest rates went down and the people they had been writing under the soft market begin to have all these losses and the losses coincided with their time and their income from interest went down and so what we have experienced in this state is tripling and quadrupling of rates in a one and two year period. So that we have seen insurance simply take your breath away. It has broken some camps' backs and many camps are struggling today with what they do with an insurance premium that they just cannot afford. I know some camps in one part of the country that are paying \$1600. for horse insurance per horse — so you can multiply that out and see what sort of effect that would have on a camp horseback program.

Well we have been through cycles before but none of them quite so severe as this one and undoubtedly the market is going to soften we think in another 9 or 10 months and we will see some back tracking but I am afraid this is the sort of thing that will go up and down.

The third area that has affected us is a series of societal changes which haven't been as headline seeking or as dramatic to us as the economy and the population but there are a variety of things that have happened in our lifestyle that have affected camp. We have seen, and I think we share this one again, a great increase in the number of single parent families and the increase in the number of two working parent families and suddenly we have seen a great increase in daycare, a great concern about what we do with Johnny during the days when both parents are working or when a single parent is working. And we have seen in that process the tremendous growth in day camps. Day camps have probably doubled in the last decade and have doubled their enrollments and there are all sorts of every type spread across the country. And despite what your Health and Welfare Minister said in this morning's paper, I think daycare is here to stay, I think the working parents are here to stay and I fear single parents are here to stay and that we are going to have to deal with the whole issue of daycare and how camping relates to daycare and its roles in that whole approach as we move ahead in society today. But it has affected us — our camp population and how we deal with children in camp; it has affected volunteerism. And organizations that have depended upon volunteers to come and direct two weeks of camp in the summer for a Girl Scouts Council have suddenly discovered that those people are working and they don't have a week to give and they have had to really look at different methods of dealing with volunteers in the camp setting and lots of our camps deal with volunteers both in the church and the organizational arena — that has made a significant difference. 35% of the children in our country do not live with both of their biological parents — that is a significant difference in how they view life and the sorts of needs they come to camp with, the sort of upheaval they have felt, sometimes the lack of a father figure and the sort of financial strain that often those families have felt and continue to feel. And there is every indication that that figure may increase as we move along. We have certainly seen a significant increase in attention to child abuse and sexual abuse and the day

care centres and the schools have made the headlines in our papers, fortunately the camps have not made those headlines in many cases. But it exists in camps, it always has. Camp as any residential setting for children provides an opportunity for persons to in some way abuse those children. I think we have always dealt with that issue, those of us who have faced it in camp in the past, we have dealt with it as honestly and as humanely and as well as we could given the circumstances of the situation. But that was a different age, today we don't have that freedom. Because suddenly in our country every state requires the reporting of such an incident to a state body and in most cases the state then takes over the next steps of dealing with the offenders and dealing with the child. So we have become very aware of reporting and of our legal position and of what steps we need to take to protect ourselves and to protect the camper and to protect the employee, all of which are factors of which you have to balance in this game. We have really gotten into the matter of trying to educate ourselves about what is involved in child abuse and how we screen people in the interview process and the employment process. And as a result we have also had a number of lawsuits — we love to file lawsuits in our country! And of course, that means that eventually the insurance company settles the case out of court rather than pay because it is cheaper and therefore, we begin to get awards. A year or so ago it was a little over \$100,000 but this year all of a sudden we find that there was an award amounting to a quarter of a million dollars for one child that has been allegedly abused in a camp situation. All of that puts tremendous pressure on insurance, in which most insurance policies in our country today will not cover sexual abuse in a camp setting — that is a rider — there is no way to get that insurance. We have created a program to do it, but more importantly, more tragic in my view, is the fact that we have such a hyper sensitivity to this subject. We have children getting off the camp bus at camp and saying to the camp counsellor "Don't you touch me, you hit me and I will tell the camp director you are abusing me". We have youngsters that are so familiar with the whole concept that it becomes their mode of thinking so that an arm around the shoulder or a hug or walking with a child along the path and talking becomes a very precarious situation for a counsellor in our setting. And so we have to realistically talk about how do we express affection and community and concern — so that it not only affects us litigiously in



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terms of our litigation but it affects us in terms of our humanity, in terms of what we are about as camp people and that affect we have not yet learned to live with totally — we are still struggling with that. Our association set a hotline up for two years to deal with crisis situations that camp directors have in the summers and they can call us day or night and we will try to counsel them. We for two years have sent out letters and suggestions about how to screen the staff and how to deal with the situation should it arise and guidelines and we are working with the National Organization to develop a manual to help camp directors because we see it as something that is not going away. Then there is the whole issue of consumerism and that one I am sure you are familiar with — parents know more about what to ask these days, they know more what to expect and expect to get their money's worth and if they don't get it they know what avenues they can follow to get an answer about their money's worth. Which means we have to be much more aware of how we write contracts and how we write registration material and how we write brochures and how we respond to that grumpy parent who calls us with complaints that doesn't sound at all like it is grounded in anything but that Johnny didn't like something at camp. But consumerism is a real factor, it has made us much more aware in our organization of ethics complaints — it has certainly made us conscious, I think, nationally of accreditation and certification. This really made us sit up and think about how well documented and how researched we do certain things. Our whole formal education system has affected and will affect camp. Great deal more emphasis on lengthening the year of the school year — starting earlier and ending later. Squeezing the summer a bit more and of course now that we have seen the third largest school system in the country go to year round education, year round school, we are a bit concerned because up to that point our whole response to that movement had been rather spotty and somewhat cyclical but now we are dealing with a much more serious situation if that pattern begins to catch hold. And then we have the yuppies, the young, affluent, upward bound people who know where they are going, delayed having children until they are ready for them, who have money, who have position, who have very material goals and who may have children — know what they want for those children. And they have specific sorts of things they want to happen and they want them to learn about and money is not an issue and that has affected how we market and how we deal with parents. We have gone through a period of instant gratification over the 6 or 7 year period where you see it you get it, you want it you have it, if it feels good do it, and it is important that you do it now because you may not be here tomorrow. An attitude sort of thing and it is a very materialistic sort of approach to life and one that I think has permeated us very quietly and sort of subconsciously, but it has certainly affected our young people as they have come to camp. And when you have combined that with the sort of yuppie phenomena then we find ourselves having to deal very much with expectations in terms of learning skills and being able to perform those skills before I go home. We have seen of course, a great increase in the number of specialty camps in our country — many of them relating to sports, art and music and many different sorts. We have even gone through that period when we had a blip of computer camps — well that was over with before that even started — but we still have lots of specialty camps and then we have seen our general camps that have often done lots of variety and say — we have got to compete with these people — everybody is going to the specialty camps. So we are going to set up a specialty unit and we will call our tennis program a tennis camp, we will call our basketball program a basketball camp and we will get a coach in here for a couple of weeks that will spice it up and we will sell it that way in our brochure. And a lot more emphasis upon skills and upon the camper going home and being able to really dribble, really serve that tennis ball or whatever the case may be. Part of that grows out of that instant gratification and part of it out of the expectation of parents. Lots of pressure on non-profits in our

society, lots of pressure related to their competition with private enterprise and a feeling that a non-profit organization shouldn't do anything that a private enterprise is doing, we are really struggling with that right now. Government is looking for money everywhere, local government and therefore, property tax which has often been exempted for non-profits in our country are suddenly finding themselves struggling with local governments with whether they have to pay taxes on their property or how much tax they have to pay. Great sophistication of communications just like you have seen, the children are constantly exposed to more and more variety, more and more sophisticated sorts of TV programs and videos and skills and so forth in school and everywhere and suddenly when they begin looking at camp promotion or getting to camp their whole view of how we communicate has been somewhat desensitized because they have seen so much that they have trouble sorting it out.

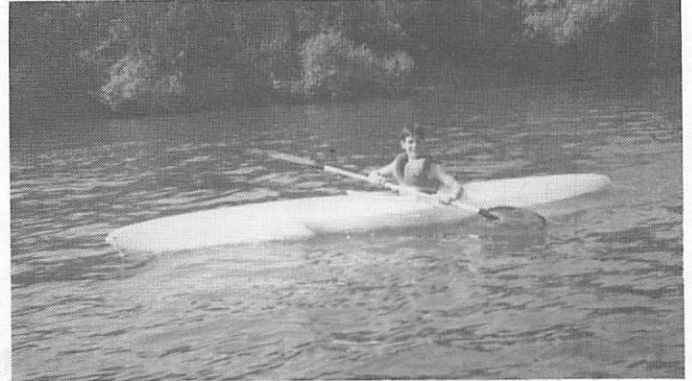
We talked about litigation, the whole willingness to sue and I understand that we have even passed that on across the border a little bit. That is unfortunate. But it has really affected us in terms of how we document things — it is almost impossible to insure some camp activities like trampolines, rappelling. Others are almost too expensive to talk about, horseback riding, ropes courses, a variety of things that have some "risk" to them and many camps begin to look at the elimination of programs because they are too expensive to issue. They have too much risk for themselves, too much liability for the camp, therefore, we won't take that sort of wilderness trip or we will eliminate that sort of challenge program and that begins to affect the sort of experience the youngster has. Much of our increase in population is coming in the minority group, hispanic and black populations, two populations that have very little traditional cultural exposure to camping, no natural inclination to camping and where one has to start it from a different view point to try to help interpret the value of the experience. We have not been very sincere, I think, in our efforts to really try to recruit minority campers and to deal with those communities and that is an area that really, I think, is challenging our movement to begin to figure out how to deal with those cultures and try to involve those youngsters and give them an opportunity to camp. Certainly it is easier to travel and to communicate internationally in the last decade — this has certainly affected us. And five or six years ago 8%-10% of our campers were coming from overseas. That is probably lessened a little bit with the problems we encountered in the South American economy in the last three or four years but we have a significant number of international campers, a significant number from Canada in some parts of our country and we find our camp directors are travelling to England, to Mexico to Europe, to recruit campers and it has become a significant part of our whole marketing and enrollment practices. It means that many camps are sending campers overseas, another chance to compete with the travel and with sophistication in terms of types of programs and this hangs on to campers a little longer. Of course, I have talked about the increase in international staff and that has been a drastic growth in terms of that particular trend. Technology, the whole technical advances in the last decade have certainly affected camping and probably the computer in camp is doing more to systematize marketing and promotion and business and buying and inventory and menu planning and that sort of thing than any one factor has in that arena in a long time. Despite many efforts to use it in programming I think it is not a major factor yet but we are beginning to really see its usefulness and its chance to do some labour-saving and give us time for campers and promotion of other things by using it for some of these other methods. But technical advances have made an impact in the camping field and maybe in the attitude of campers because we find much less interest in outdoor programs with campers today, less interest in tripping, in backpacking, in traditional outdoor experience program, which is kind of frightening. Many of these affect the administration of camp but the thing that we do not talk about in

our country often enough is how these sorts of changes are affecting the lives of campers and how different campers feel and sense because of some of these things, not to speak of the nuclear threat and some of the other sorts of overwhelming attitudes that are prevalent in our society that a camper brings to camp with them and we tend too often to treat campers this year as we did last year. That is another speech another time but it is something in the whole thinking of the trends and the future that we must not lose track of because it is not just us who are frustrated by the administration of camps in this period because of all this mish mash of stuff and in that frustration level we must not lose track of the fact that campers are being affected in less obvious ways, in less spoken ways. And that we must spend some of our time sensitizing ourselves to that if we are to do what we are really about. Well, what does all this have to say for the future? Well, let me try a scenerio. About a year ago I had a camping section invite me to come and talk about camping in 2086. I said, "Sure I will do that." I can do that and say anything I want to and no one will come back to haunt me because I will be long gone and no one present will be around to say you said this. So that was kind of fun. Well this is the scenerio I came up with and I think it is much sooner than 100 years, I think it is more like 30 years — Jane and Johnny came to camp, arriving on the most modern vehicle of that day and at record speed. They are in camp in less than an hour after they left home even if it is 200 miles to camp from town; they are checked into the office where each camper is issued a wristband with a recognition code tied to the computer system in camp, each is assigned to a cabin group and assigned a robot — the robot accompanies the campers to the health service. Their health records have been sent to camp on a micro-chip, a health para-professional, not a nurse or doctor, uses a computer-type connected device which measures immediately the body temperature, the blood pressure and any physical abnormalities that exist in that camper's system that day. If there are problems the para-professional immediately books in the computer with the computer in the doctor's office in the nearest city, the doctor looks at the symptoms and at the vital signs and figures out what is wrong with the camper and transmits the next step to the para-professional. After the health check the robot accompanies the campers to their cabins, the cabin has a full bath, hot and cold running water, television camera, television, intercom, central heat and inner spring mattresses. After all this camp is used 12 months of the year. No counsellor lives in the cabin, affecting a great salary savings, by the way, because the robot lives there. The camera and the wristband plus the robot gives a person sitting in the camp office full control over that cabin for he can monitor the signs of the camper and visually see what is happening and hear from the robot 24 hours a day and you do have to man that station in the office 24 hours a day but that is only three shifts. The new day is announced by intercom, certainly not by bugle and the robot is programmed to wake campers who sleep more than 5 minutes beyond the intercom time. The robot escorts the campers to the dining hall. Well, at the dining hall the campers are joined by a staff member who actually sits at the table and eats with them. However, the kitchen only has one or two staff members because there is no fresh food in the kitchen, fresh food has

gotten so expensive because of world population pressures and so forth that everything is frozen, everything is microwaved, nothing is prepared in permanent type pans or pots, all food service is paper or plastic and at the end of the meal the robot comes by and picks up all, everything on the table and puts it in a bag and takes it down to the end of the dining hall, stuffs it into the waste disposal which shreds it and then burns it immediately — there is no waste to haul away and nothing to feed the pigs and so forth. So after breakfast everything is cleaned up without any real effort, the robot will sweep the dining hall, no need for the campers to hang around to do that and the cabin robot takes the campers back to the cabin for cabin clean up, which won't take long you understand, and then the robot escorts the campers group to the program area. Well, the first part of the program period is spent with a video tape on a large screen giving them visual instruction in the skill which they are involved. But after the video tape, an active, live staff member joins the group and gives individual instruction and tips to the campers. Well, we could go on but I have a hunch my popularity has dropped immensely in the last three minutes and fortunately we did not have dinner here so there aren't many scraps on the table to toss this way. I hope that bothers you as much as it bothers me but I do not think that it is so far fetched. I do not think that it is so impossible, I do not think that it is so unlikely to happen. Why does it violate our view of camp? Why is the counsellor/campers relationship so special? Why is the small group critical to the camp experience? Why is the rusticity of camp implicit in what we do? Do we really know why? Can we really defend those things? Can we really make sure that they are important to what happens in the life of the camper and the staff member? What does all this say to the future if that is where we are heading? It says to me we have got to pay attention to the demographics of our society, we have got to look ahead and prepare for the changes in the numbers of campers and in their attitudes and in their reactions to society. Secondly, we must know why we are in the camping business, we must know what we are about, why we exist and what our mission is. And your mission in your camp may differ from the mission in my camp but I have a hunch there are some common notes, some common strains. Heaven help us if we are all alike, but heaven help us if we have lost the common strain. We have got to know our mission and we have got to be able to interpret it to people who have never, never been to camp. And then we have got to be able to do what we say we are going to do. We have got to be able to demonstrate that what we say we accomplish and what we want to accomplish in camp, we do accomplish. We don't just put it on paper and advertise it and we have got to learn to staff effectively in a society where there are fewer persons in our traditional age group — where they want higher wages, where they have less service orientation, and yet at the same time because of the legal pressures and our concern about quality we have got to be more selective, we have got to be more careful about the calibre of persons we bring into the camp setting. Now there is a challenge! We have got to identify and interpret the values and the experiences of camp more effectively in a very comprehensive and glitzy society. We have got to learn how to say that this has real importance for a child or for an adult. Can camping balance out that



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experience which the camper is going to have in school in the future, where the once highly interactive life is dominated by the technical aspects of the education? There has got to be a chance for some balance to that. I don't know if you read Pooh Bear or not but you remember Christopher Robin said to Pooh, "What I like doing best is nothing," and you remember Pooh said, "Ah, how do you do nothing?" and you remember Christopher said, "Well, it means just going along listening to all the things you can't hear and not bothering." That is what children need — a chance to hear the things they can't hear and not bother. Time, time to escape the glitz and the high-tech and the pressures and I know only one place where that is afforded and sometimes not there. Can camping deal realistically with international education and with peace education? Can we really speak to what we understand about living together — after all the essence of what we do is learning to live together. Can we escape not applying that to the broader understanding of how we should live together as nations and as people who are different? Can camping really educate campers to a responsibility for their environment? For an understanding of the fact that the environment is tenuous and that we must take personal responsibility for it? We once thought that was critical but more and more we have let that become simply the setting in which we do our thing. Can camping really provide an experience in real decision-making? In risk-taking despite the dangers of litigation? Can we really help campers make real decisions where they can fail as well as succeed? Where they can take risk and feel the adventure and not always succeed

and not fear that we are going to wind up in court. Is there really a difference in camp and the daycare centre? The Y Adventure Club, summer clinics, summer school, the country club? Or can the parents say, I will send them to the closest or the cheapest one. Is there really a difference? I happen to believe there is and I happen to believe that the future can prove there is but I am sure that it only can happen if we take the responsibility of that. We have a very real treasure that has been given to us, one we cannot easily set aside. A counsellor wrote a poem one year for me and gave it to me at camp and it is one I have come to appreciate more as the years have come on I think:

I could not give you myself and so I have found a small round stone, warmed by the sun, warmed by the sun and the river I love. And when I gave it to you I took it wondering, you took it wondering, seeing only a stone and not myself at all. You should look again, small round stones and selves are not given carelessly. The warmth of the sun and the grooves of the river should have told you that.

Camping in terms of campers and their lives has not been given to us carelessly. The tradition of camping and the heritage that we have inherited from those who preceded us has not been given into our hands carelessly. We should look more carefully at what has been given us, if we are to warm it under the sun and wash it in the river before we pass it on to those who follow us. That is our responsibility.

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## Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. CAMP STEPHENS

by GRANT PLATTS, SCOTT MCGREGOR  
and JULIANE SCHAIBLE  
Winnipeg Y.M. - Y.W.C.A.

Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. Camp Stephens has been providing resident camping experiences for youth since 1891. It is one of the oldest resident camps in North America and has been continuously operated by the Y.M.C.A. of Winnipeg (as of January 1, 1987 — the Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. of Winnipeg).

The camp is located on five islands, eleven kilometers south of Kenora, Ontario (200 kilometers east of Winnipeg) on beautiful Lake of the Woods. All major development has taken place on Copeland Island, the largest of the five islands.

The focal point of the camp is Lount Lodge, a beautiful log recreation hall. The building was constructed from 1980 to 82 by camp staff utilizing locally-obtained logs. There are 33 other buildings on the property making for a very modern and complete resident camp facility.

Camp Stephens operates a very successful outdoor education program for Winnipeg Schools in May and June of each year. The resident camp program, held in July and August, is for boys and girls ages 8 to 15. Camp sessions are twelve days in length. The Wilderness Adventure Program, for teens ages 13 to 17, is a highly regarded canoe tripping program.

As the camp is located on an island many aquatic activities are highlighted. Camp Stephens has a strong canoe tripping tradition and offers trips ranging from simple overnights for 8 year olds to six weeks in length for the most advanced Wilderness Adventure Program campers. The camp is fortunate to have unlimited access to thousands of square miles of crown land and waterways throughout Lake of the Woods and Northwestern Ontario.

Camp Stephens is also well known for a well-developed sailing program. A fleet of 14 sailboats is utilized to provide campers of all ages with a progressive program of instruction. A kayaking program has also been in place for the past fifteen years and has proven to be very popular.

One of the major program themes at Camp Stephens revolves around the area of international development department that serves as a valuable resource for this undertaking.

The main focus of YMCAs and YWCAs is to meet the needs of their local community. As a network active around the world, we are acutely aware of what can be accomplished through global cooperation. In Canada, long-standing commitment has been made towards international understanding. Camp Stephens has pursued this commitment through promoting the link between global issues and camp life.

The resident camp setting, with its emphasis on communal living and interdependence, is one in which people have thrived for decades. Its lessons are ones that we feel provide an enticing metaphor for the world beyond the camp gates or dock. For this reason, counsellors at Camp Stephens capitalize on opportunities and give campers a forum in which to think about the world and what role they want to play in it. As well, specific international programs have become an increasingly vital part of the camp program. Activities that are from or about other parts of the world bring an added richness to more traditional programs. This interplay is what makes it work.

An example of how international themes can be utilized in regular camp program is the story, "A House is Built", based on the founding of the United Nations. It is about a group of children who are always fighting over whose house they are going

to play in. Each child wants the others to come over to his or her own house so that when they play the host can set the rules. The children fought about this so much that, at times, some of them would get hurt from stones that they threw at each other. One day, they decided to end the fighting by building a new house that belonged to all of them. They built with the stones they used to throw at each other. As they were building the house, they discovered that all the stones, even the smallest ones, were needed to build a house that was strong.

This story has been used in younger cabin groups to solve a number of conflict situations. On some days even the best of groups have trouble working together. On such a day a counsellor could take his or her group to a quieter part of the camp and share the story with them. For some children it is easier to talk about feelings calmly through the eyes of the story characters. Once this discussion has developed, the campers have been more likely to talk about their own feelings and the group's problems and conflicts.

A few well-placed suggestions from the counsellor and the group could follow up this story by building a fort, like the children in the story. In this example, the group has done some effective problem solving, completed a group oriented task, utilized some campcraft skills, and done some creative programming. All this from a story with an international theme.

A mass day activity with an international theme is conducted once each camp session. As well as providing an opportunity for all campers and staff to participate together in a fun and exciting activity, the mass day provides an ideal forum for a continuation of the camp's international education program.

A number of excellent simulation games have been compiled. They are used during the all camp mass days. Some are more age group specific and are utilized during section programming with the appropriate campers. Role playing is also encouraged with groups becoming citizens for a day of specific foreign countries. Resources are utilized in order to ensure the accuracy of national customs, costumes, foods, and the like.

All Camp Stephens staff participate in a half day international session during the ten day pre-camp training period. Staff from the Winnipeg Y's International Development conduct the session. Throughout the summer a staff person is assigned to coordinate the international program at both Camp Stephens and the Winnipeg Y's Day Camp Manitou.

Through camp international activities, an attempt is made to expand an understanding of the relationship between our local environment and the global community. As stated by the World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s, we do this in the hope "That All May Be One".

Camp Stephens is looking forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1991. Plans are underway to contact Stephens alumni and invite them to join in the celebration of our centenary. Any former Stephens staff member or camper should contact the Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. in Winnipeg to be kept up to date on centennial events.

Le YM-YWCA Camp Stephens a fourni et continue de fournir depuis 1891, pour beaucoup de jeunes, l'expérience de vie de camp. C'est l'un des plus vieux établissements du genre en Amérique du Nord. Il a été jusqu'en Janvier 1987 sous la tutelle du YMCA de Winnipeg, et sous celle YM-YWCA depuis 1987.

Les préparatifs pour les célébrations de son centenaire en 1991 sont déjà en marche. Les anciens, personnels, campeurs du camp sont priés de prendre contact avec le YMCA-YWCA de Winnipeg.



# CAMPWIDE PROGRAM WITH MEANING

Although two years old, the International Youth Year and National Camping Day of July 24, 1985 provided a perfect example of an increasingly popular trend — that of combining the affective and coquitive processes with the fun and activity always present at camp.

Read this article for the program ideas which it can provide but also for the principles which could and perhaps should underline your next campwide program.

## ONTARIO CAMP LEADERSHIP CENTRE CELEBRATES

### I.Y.Y. and NATIONAL CAMPING DAY

by DOROTHY WALTER, Director  
Ontario Camp Leadership Centre  
Ministry of Tourism & Recreation

The idea of celebrating July 24, 1985 as a special day for camping and for I.Y.Y. was picked up with enthusiasm by our staff. As a result, "Bark Lake" experienced a day which was preceded by good cooperative planning and was celebrated through total involvement of campers, staff and local community.

The group of staff who, under the guidance of the Program Director, deserve the greatest credit for planning, organizing all of us and implementing the day were our Program Assistants. These are the university students who have special responsibility, day-to-day, for program areas throughout the camp.

The day consisted of four segments all of which were focussed on youth. During the late morning, discussion groups led by the resource counsellors were offered with the objective of showing the importance of youth and their influence on the future. From a large range of topics, these eight were given:

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| * Environmental concerns | * World hunger                                |
| * World population       | * Drugs and alcohol                           |
| * Camping in the future  | * Audiovisual influences                      |
| * Education              | * After "Bark" youth's influence on the world |

Our I.Y.Y. lunch came next. At noon, everyone picked up a bag lunch from the dining hall and proceeded to Canoe Bay. We all knew our assignment to either a canoe, kayak or North Canoe and we had been briefed on our positions in the I.Y.Y. initials. Anchors with floats had been placed in key spots. The flotilla was launched and while a spotter in a tall white pine called directions, the boats gradually formed up. While everyone sang, ate, and enjoyed themselves, aerial pictures were being taken. It was a glorious blue sky, sunny day and it was with a touch of sadness that our I.Y.Y. pattern gradually disintegrated. In mid afternoon, the Generation Game was started. The purpose was to create a physically active game which would incorporate the themes of I.Y.Y. day, youth's place in society, the future and how it integrates and operates with other populations in our society. Rules, maps, teams, safety and boundaries were understood. Each team had tokens and the objective was to create a balance in the team of age and youth. Tokens represented YOUTH: energy, innocence, inexperience, impatience and for AGE: experience, wisdom, tradition, failing health. After the game there was time to discuss aspects of youth and age, whether the characteristics given to the youth and age teams were appropriate or stereotypical and the need and or dependence of age and youth on each other.

Il y a deux ans, le 24 juillet, 85, se tenait l'année internationale de la jeunesse et la journée nationale de camping. Quelle meilleure chance de combiner l'utile à l'agréable.

A campfire program to which people from the community were invited ended this special day. We included a few ideas from the C.C.A. material but most of the songs, legends, etc. originated with campers and staff. After the closing song, a torch-light canoe "dance" drew people's attention to the calm water of Canoe Bay. The reflections added to the atmosphere created by the silently moving canoes. As they turned and headed away from the bay, the sky was lit by colourful firework patterns. This final event was a total surprise to everyone at the campfire but was our way of saying "thank you" to finish off a memory packed day.

The ideals of camping, international concerns of and for youth and fun were incorporated in the July 24th celebrations. It is still being talked about.

### Theme Meals:

**Breakfast:** To highlight the French Canadian element of Canada and of the Bark Lake Community, breakfast had a French Canadian flair.

The French group was asked to lead the camp in a French grace to begin the meal, and a folksong afterwards. The LIT's from the bilingual group undertook this task enthusiastically. Their contributions were well received by the balance of the camp.

**Lunch:** A picnic with a twist!

It was our intent to plan a luncheon that would be different from the regular camp routine, enjoyable and contribute to the celebration of youth. An outlunch on the water was planned. The entire camp was on the water in canoes and kayaks and choreographed "IYY" in Canoe Bay. An aerial photograph was taken to make the event complete!

### Procedure:

The anchors were set out before the day of the event. Test runs were made to help estimate the necessary distance between anchors, a day ahead.

- Resource Counsellors and LIT's were informed, ahead of time, of their position on the water.
- A bag lunch was prepared by each participant.
- Program Assistants were in crash boats to escort groups to their positions during the event.

It was important to get an indication as to how the formation looked from the air. This was required before the plane and photographer went into action. This was achieved by having one staff member climb the white pine behind the Butt Hut. Information was relayed down to another staff member on the Butt Hut roof. They shouted out any changes necessary to the motorboat drivers. This flow of communication worked well.

This was a challenge to choreograph, but a rewarding experience, all in all!

**Dinner:** All camp was invited to come to dinner representing their interpretation of "Youth of the Future".

There was little enthusiasm for this component of the program, due to a number of reasons. People had been in the sunshine on the water for lunch and exerted much energy playing the "Generation Game" in the afternoon. People had little energy left for another theme meal.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS — IYY DAY

by CATHY COULSON

During the morning interest group time, discussion groups led by Resource Counsellors were offered. A list of topics that we felt were relevant to youth were presented to the staff, and they were asked to sign up so that we had 8 topics to offer to LIT's. The following list was presented to the R.C.'s and the stars represent topics that were offered.

1. The Computer Age
2. Environmental Concerns: acid rain  
chemical waste dumps  
forestry mismanagement  
non-renewable resources
3. Technology: nuclear energy  
space travel
4. \* World Population: declining birth rate vs  
extended life span
5. \* Camping in the future
6. \* Education
7. Changing family structure
8. \* World Hunger
9. \* Drugs and Alcohol
10. Integration of handicapped people into the work force
11. \* Music, T.V., Videos, Movies — their influence on youth
12. \* After Bark — Youth's influence on the world

These discussions were led with the objective of showing the importance of youth and their influence on the future. All groups were fairly equally attended, and discussions were enthusiastic, giving everyone who attended much to think about.

## IYY DAY

by RUTH PELLMANN

**Objectives:** Andy and I attempted to create a physically active game which would incorporate the themes of IYY Day, youth's place in society, the future and how it integrates and operates with the other populations in our society.

We used the dining hall as a central control point. Lothar, Janet and Program Assistants were patrols to keep the boundaries under control as well as act as safety patrols. The Resource Counsellors played with the teams, helping them to understand the rules. After the game, there was time to discuss aspects of youth and age, whether the characteristics given to the youth and age teams were appropriate or stereotypical and the need and or dependence of age and youth on each other. Comments from the LIT's and R.C.'s were positive. They thought the game was fun and incorporated IYY themes well.

## THE GENERATION GAME

**Objective:** — to obtain tokens from the other team, to create a balance of 'age' and 'youth'

- Methods:**
1. Each team has a given territory (see map)
  2. Within the territory each team has a bank (in a predetermined position)
  3. Containing a number of tokens (rep. youth/age)
  4. Each team will be given 20 minutes to
    - a) locate their bank
    - b) distribute 75% of their tokens amongst the team members.
    - c) plan any strategies
  5. A banker will remain at the bank to tally incoming tokens
  6. Some players may wish to remain near the bank as guards
  7. After 20 min. a bell will signal the start

8. Players may then cross into the other team's territory
9. Ones in the opposite territory may raid the other team's bank but may only take 50% of its contents
10. To catch another player, a sock must be pulled from his/her belt at which point that player must give up 50% of his/her tokens.
11. Team members may also wish to obtain tokens by negotiating
12. The bank cannot be moved
13. Jails will be near the bank
14. Prisoners are set free when an active team member runs through the jail
15. All prisoners may be set free at once but they must return to the halfway line before they can become active
16. Bell will signal the end of the game

### TOKENS

Each team is given 80 tokens for each of the four sub groups.

YOUTH	AGE
80 Energy — E	80 Experience — EX
80 Innocence — IN	80 Wisdom — W
80 Inexperience — IX	80 Traditional — T
80 Impatience — IM	80 Illness — I

EACH TEAM must obtain either 40 from each of the 8 categories OR all of the tokens.



## IYY CAMPFIRE

by BARB WEEDEN

### 9:30 Procession 2 torch people

- each group will have a representative carry a candle
- 2 groups on each side of camp
- last group starts and picks up the other two
- a torch will lead the procession to the Campfire
- 2 torches light it

### Andy — 9:45

- Will give a talk on the history of Bark tying to youth's importance.

### "O Bark Lake"

#### Inspirational Reading on Youth

Song — All my Life's a Circle

Song — Free to be you and me

#### Inspirational reading on Nature

Song — Circle Game

Song — Let there always be a Song

#### Inspirational Reading on Life

Song — This Land is your Land

Song — Four Strong Winds

**Canoe dance** — 4 solo boats (4 torches)

— 4 torches (to light torches in boats)

4 torches come down from dining hall, go to docks where 4 canoes are waiting, light their torches.

Do a dance

2 paddle off and disappear

**Closing** — 10:30 p.m.



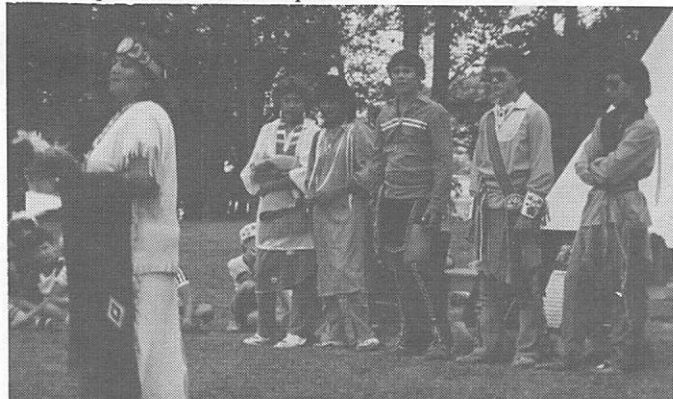
# A PSALM OF PRAISE

by *WENDELL WHITE*  
Director, Camp Quin-Mo-Lac

Last summer the theme of our camp was "Who is my Neighbour". It was our intent to create a Christian experience based on the United Church's mandate "Dialogue with Native Peoples". The task was far from simple.

The immediate concern became — How do you create a sense of appreciation and understanding of a contemporary people while at the same time be sensitive to the subtle and not too subtle stereotypes? My personal objective surfaced instantly. No matter what was designed for the program in the traditional context, no child would leave camp without hearing or seeing, that native peoples in 1986, do not live in a tipi, nor do they wear a head dress or moccasins every day. Yes! as a matter of appreciation it is significant to know that native people do still use very profound impact on the cultural heritage. It is important that the children have the opportunity to make things which depict nativeness because these are the campy activities that the children have fun doing. Native culture certainly lends itself to the camp environment and it is from this juncture that tremendous extended learning and appreciation can be fostered. What a great opportunity to broaden the camp experience and to enrich the knowledge of a unique Canadian culture.

What concerns me, as one who has been relatively active in native affairs for seventeen years, is that, so often native programs begin and end at the traditional level. Native programs, innocently, often fall short of establishing native people in the twentieth century and consequently build upon the imagery of the noble purist conservationist, captured in a vacuum, more comfortable with the past than with the present.



*Native woman elder from the Six Nation Confederacy, explaining the symbolism and identification of Indian nation by the head dress feathers. The young people in the background are dancers.*



*Native elder displaying the two row wampum belt. It is a symbol of the treaty made with the non-native people.*

I guess it is the recent lack of success at the First Ministers Conference on Aboriginal Rights (March 1987, the last of four such conferences) where native peoples, Indian, Inuit and Metis, were held at bay by the political brokers of this country that exasperates me to speak out. The repetitive theme of the conference was reluctance. A reluctance which says, I don't know and I don't wish to know. A reluctance which fails to recognize that Indigenous people wanted to share, with some apprehension, this country three hundred years ago and still do, three hundred years later. Native leaders have eloquently articulated their desire to be full participants in confederation yet somehow Federal and Provincial governments have failed to meet the historic challenge.

My point here is not to take the fun out of the camp experience as that is the essence of camp life for children. I guess I'm saying that the experience could be more if we would grasp hold of the opportunity to educate in small but meaningful ways, and reveal the legitimate aspirations of native people. To lay a stone which will allow native people to step into the present and be recognized as having many of the same values, career goals and ambitions. One of the first ways to achieve this is by first inviting a native person to your training week to discuss nativeness. Following the native speaker, your program will be greatly complemented by the use of native groups performing for the campers. A last word. There are many Inuit people out there who are extremely talented and who offer a fresh and exciting perspective to Native camp content.

## SWEET GRASS AND CANDLE

Words by *REV. JOHN W. OLDHAM*  
Music by *R. HENRY KILBORN*  
and *REV. JOHN W. OLDHAM*

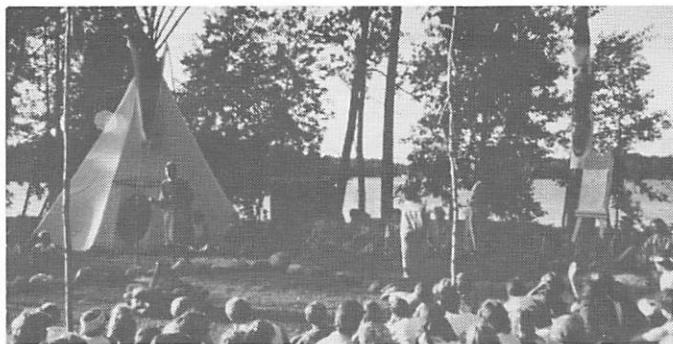
Dedicated to the Original Peoples of this land put here by the Creator to live in harmony with nature and humanity. Written March 26, 1987 following a Roman Catholic - Protestant service of worship attended by native and non native people to pray for recognition of native rights.

SWEET GRASS AND CANDLE,  
THE PEACE PIPE AND BIBLE,  
THE STORIES OF ELDERS,  
AND BEAT OF THE DRUM,  
THEY ARE THE SYMBOLS OF TRUE FAITH AND JUSTICE.

WE GATHER IN CIRCLE,  
AFFIRMING WE'RE ONE.  
WELCOME THE STRANGER FOR HE IS OUR BROTHER  
AND SHE IS OUR SISTER.  
OF MOTHER EARTH.  
CARE FOR CREATION FOR ALL LIFE IS SACRED AND  
WE ARE UNITED BY VISION'S REBIRTH.

JOIN IN THE CIRCLE THAT WILL HAVE NO ENDING,  
FOR WE ARE ALL EQUAL AND LOVED IN GOD'S SIGHT.

PRAISE THE GREAT SPIRIT!  
WE GATHER AS FAMILY TO SING OF LOVE'S FREEDOM  
AND DANCE WITH DELIGHT!  
WELCOME THE STRANGER FOR HE IS OUR BROTHER  
AND SHE IS OUR SISTER, OF MOTHER EARTH.  
CARE FOR CREATION FOR ALL LIFE IS SACRED AND  
WE ARE UNITED BY VISION'S REBIRTH.



*Council fire program.*

## A PSALM OF PRAISE

by REV. DAVID SPIVEY, Visiting Chaplain  
to Quin-Mo-Lac 1985

Relating to the Native Theme:  
"Who is My Neighbour"

PRAISE THE LORD!

Let the whole earth praise the Lord with a shout of Joy!  
All you trees and forests,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You owls that wing your way through the darkness of the  
woodland night,

PRAISE THE LORD!

All you Musk Ox that roam the white wilderness of the arctic  
north,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You lakes and rivers that sparkle your praise throughout the  
land,

PRAISE THE LORD!

All you Bears who trek the forests and fish the running  
salmon rivers,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You Turtles, solid, dependable and steady in the legends of  
human beings,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You rocks and crevices that catch the wind and relay its song back  
to the air again,

PRAISE THE LORD!

All you Eagles who soar the heights on your powerful wings and  
fly through the myths and legends of many peoples with great  
might,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You Foxes, stealthy, clever, cunning and beautiful to see,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You Seals who dive and play and sing in the great oceans of  
the earth,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You Ravens, dark and mysterious and wise,

PRAISE THE LORD!

The wind and the rain and the sun and the darkness of the  
night,

PRAISE THE LORD!

All you Wolves who roam and hunt and howl your praises,

PRAISE THE LORD!

You Buffalo, great and shaggy and powerful as you thunder  
across the plains,

PRAISE THE LORD!

And you Caribou who roam the land and enjoy the bounty of  
God's green earth,

PRAISE THE LORD!

All you Campers and Counsellors, and CIT's and Staff and  
visitors to this beautiful place who enjoy the special warmth and  
feeling and atmosphere of Quin-Mo-Lac,

PRAISE THE LORD!

Sing praises to the Lord who made us; give glory to our God who  
cares for us, shout aloud to the Spirit who brings us life and shows  
us how to live it to its fullest,

All you his people,

PRAISE THE LORD!

## UNDER OPEN SKIES

*Thanks to Eanswythe Flynn for  
'Thoughts' and 'Golden Rules for Easier Living'*

If any little thought of ours  
Can make one's life stronger;  
If any cheery smile of ours  
Can make its brightness longer;  
Then, let us speak that thought today,  
With tender eyes a-glowing  
So God may grant some weary one  
Shall reap from our glad sowing.

### GOLDEN RULES FOR EASIER LIVING

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.  
And I just thought of a couple more:
13. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
14. If it will brighten someone's day — say it!

### THE CAMP IS READY NOW

The camp is ready now; it lies asleep  
Under the blanket of a star-bright sky;  
The winds are still; the waters cool and deep  
Reflect pine-scented mountains dark and high.

The bunks are ready; the campfire circle now  
Lacks only campers singing round a fire;  
Yes, camp awaits the campers, with its joy  
Outspread to challenge, strengthen and inspire.

And on the morrow they will come, these boys and girls  
Who are but listed names tonight to me;  
God, grant that I may help them satisfy  
The needs that in their hearts will waiting be.

For one will come who needs, I know, to learn  
To live with others, give and take and share,  
And one will come, lost lonely one, who needs  
To know that others understand and care.

And, surely, one small timid one will come  
Who here must learn to stand erect and sure;  
Another, burdened far beyond her years,  
Must find the peace and courage to endure.

While all of them will seek, at camp, the fun  
Of games and laughter, friendships, and new skills,  
The joy of lake and campfire, bird and tree,  
New kinship with the fields and woods and hills.

The Camp is ready now, it lies asleep;  
And I would sleep and, on the morrow, rise  
With wisdom, patience, gentleness to meet  
The challenge in my new-come campers' eyes.



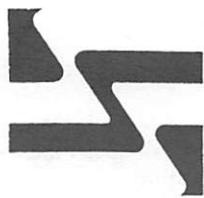
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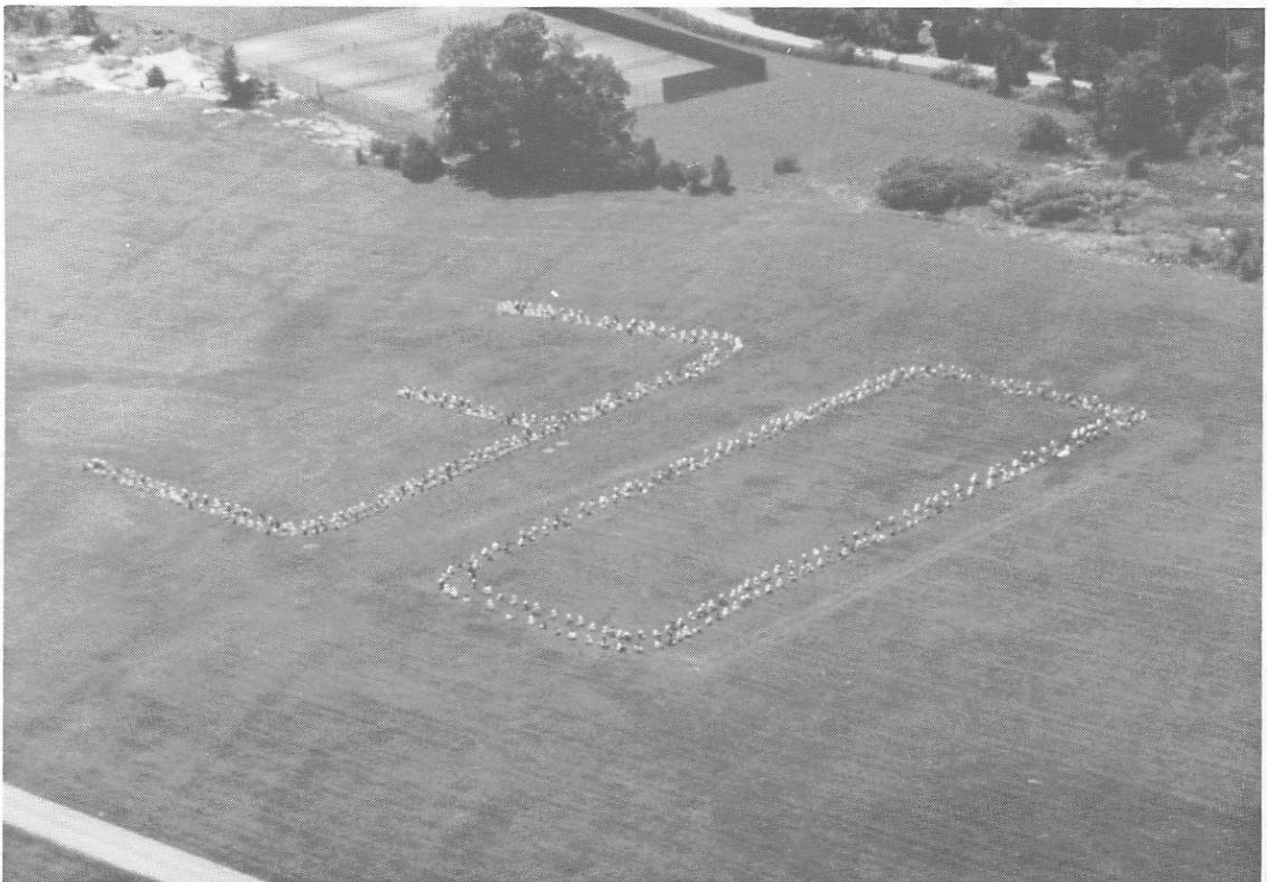
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# A FINAL SALUTE TO A FRIEND, MARY NORTHWAY

by JOCELYN PALM

Mary L. Northway, M.A., Ph.D., D. Litt. died on February 26, 1987. I write to tell you of the admiration many of us had for her over many years. The Archives at Trent University record the facts about her career. Dr. Northway attended Northway Lodge, Camp Wapomeo, and Glen Bernard Camp. She founded Windy Pine, a canoe tripping camp with her friend, the late Flora Morrison.

Fascinated by the science of psychology, Dr. Northway completed an M.A. at the University of Toronto, studied at Cambridge, England then returned to U. of T. to complete her Ph.D. For many years, she was a lecturer at the Institute of Child Study and upon retiring, founded the Brora Centre in order to continue her work in psychology. Trent University recognized her with an Honorary Doctorate degree in 1979.

Mary Northway's contributions to camping were unique. She emphasized the special values to a child of learning to enjoy and appreciate the natural world. At Glen Bernard from 1922 until 1939, Dr. Northway was a camper and staff member. Several of her research papers were based on her studies of campers' relationships in a group situation. At Windy Pine campers went on canoe trips with the emphasis upon the basic skills and the thrill of this type of adventure. This property was deeded to Trent University in 1983 as a centre for quiet study and relaxation. Dr. Northway organized some of OCA's first staff training courses. She frequently spoke at workshops and conferences on behalf of

OCA. She established the OCA Research Committee and also engineered the collection and organization of the OCA and CCA Archives now at Trent University. She had a great memory for facts and as the OCA authors wrote "Blue Lake and Rocky Shore" she was often consulted for details on portions other than her own.

In 1981, I interviewed Dr. Northway in order that the tape could be added to the CCA Archives. I have just listened to that tape and there are two outstanding aspects of Dr. Northway that must be added to the facts already stated. Mary Northway had a wonderful sense of humour which was revealed in her exploits as a camper, her creative programs as a staff member and her views on the world in general. She lived happily and with kindness towards others. The other wonderfully evident quality was her ability to let others learn and grow without being judgmental. When I became the director of Glen Bernard, Dr. Northway said to me, "You'll get lots of advice on how to run the camp and here's mine . . . Do your own thing". I treasure that moment and the many hours we spent talking about camping. CCA members further benefited from Dr. Northway's gift through Neathern Trust. These funds are being used for projects which educate outdoor leaders.

Many contributions have been received by CCA in memory of Dr. Mary Northway, more evidence of the respect which she enjoyed. A camper, counsellor, educator and researcher, she enriched our lives.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

## UN NOM . . . SON HISTOIRE

### CAMP STEPHENS (stē' vens)

Originally known in 1891 as the Lake of the Woods Institute, the Y.M.C.A. Camp Stephens took its present name in 1896. G. F. Stephens, a successful businessman and the founder of the Stephens Paint Co., was a long time member and President of Winnipeg Y.M.C.A. The camp was named in his honour.

For more information on Camp Stephens, see page 21.

Many camps have documented their beginnings in booklet or pamphlet form. If you have a written history of your camp's early years and particularly of the story behind its name, send it to "What's in a Name" c/o the Canadian Camping Magazine, R.R. #1, Huntsville, Ontario P0A 1K0.

### Camp Stephens

C'est pour honorer, G. F. Stephens, propriétaire prospère d'un magasin de peinture, Stephens' Paint Co., que l'on a renommé le Camp Stephens connu de 1891 à 96 sous le nom de "Lake of the Wood Institute", "l'Institut du lac de la forêt".

M. Stephens a été membre et président du YMCA de Winnipeg (pour plus d'information, voir à la page 21).

Plusieurs parmi vous, avez recueilli et présenté de différentes façons l'histoire de l'origine de votre camp (pamphlets, brochures). Si cette information est disponible et que vous nous la faites parvenir, nous nous ferons un plaisir de la faire paraître dans notre chronique "What's in a Name" a/s Canadian Camping Magazine, R.R. #1, Huntsville, Ontario P0A 1K0.

## PLAN AHEAD!!

Would you like to be a part of a neat new project of CCA/ACC? The Publications Committee is seeking photographs for a **Monthly Planner** to be produced and sold to raise funds for our Association. Can't you picture your choice of photograph above one of the twelve monthly calendars? We are seeking a picture from each province, and we need it by October 15th, 1987. Send your entry, with a caption, to:

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# WHAT'S 'IN' OUTDOORS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

### INSECT REARING CAGE

by *RUSSEL E. BACHERT JR.*  
& *EMERSON L. SNOOTS*

C. 1974, by the Interstate Printers and Publishers Ltd.

**Purpose:** To observe insect larvae as they are feeding.

**Materials:** Sheet of clear plastic, acetate cement, cheesecloth, ties.

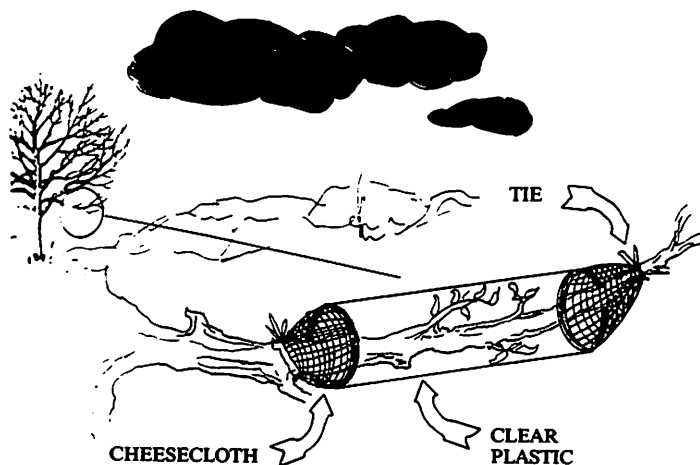
**Procedure:**

1. Cut plastic to desired size and roll to form a tube, gluing seam with acetate cement.
2. Glue or sew a cheesecloth sleeve to each end of the tube.
3. Slide entire tube over branch and seal with ties at each end.
4. Make several and place around limbs upon which different insects are feeding. Observe regularly and note any changes.
5. Prepare a chart of daily or weekly changes of both plant and animal.

**Note:** In direct sunlight, heat buildup in the tube may cause some damage.

**Questions:**

1. Can you make any associations between the plant and the insects you are observing?
2. Of what value, if any, are the insects to the plant on which they were found?
3. How does the daytime activity of the insect larvae differ from their nighttime activity?



### INSECT SIFTING BOX

by *RUSSEL E. BACHERT JR.*  
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**Purpose:** To locate small insects among dry leaves.

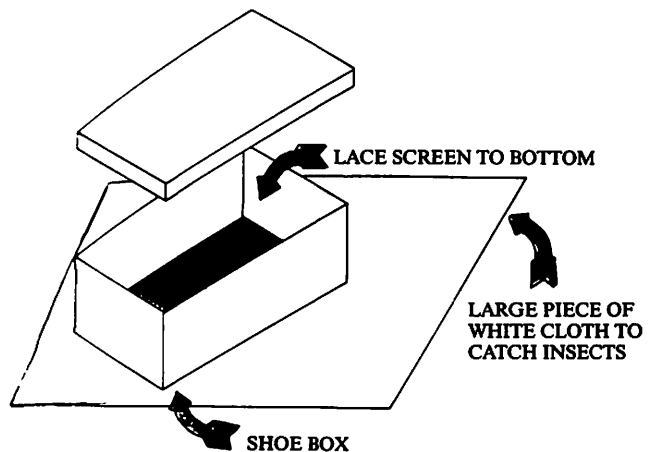
**Materials:** Medium mesh screen, shoe box, heavy thread, white cloth.

**Procedure:**

1. Cut out the bottom of a shoe box, leaving a 1-inch rim.
2. Using a wire cutter, cut screen to fit inside bottom of box.
3. Gather litter and shake in box, holding it over a white cloth while shaking.
4. You can sift out many kinds of small insects. Release them when finished with your observations.
5. Use a wooden frame box with screen bottom when sifting sediment from streams and ponds to look for aquatic insects.

**Questions:**

1. Do the types of insects found in a field differ from those found in the forest?
2. Can you develop a simple key to identify your insects?
3. When are certain insects most active?



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#### RESTORATIVE ECOLOGY: NEO-CONSERVATION

by JIM HOPKINS, Chairman

O.C.A. Environmental Concerns Committee

*A Review of Northern Illinois University's  
Spring Colloquium*

*Laredo Taft Field Campus May 8-10, 1987*

The conservation movement in North America has been constantly changing over the past few decades. Early conservation practices spoke of resource management and the monetary value of natural resources. In later decades this philosophy of stewardship of the land was challenged by a "man with nature" attitude. The concept that nature was not ours to own was a foreign voice in a society with an environmental ethic that was dictated in a man vs. nature conflict.

As time moves on, people grow and people's attitudes toward their environment change. Northern Illinois recently held a colloquium that dealt with the latest trend in the conservation movement-restorative ecology. While the name may scare some of us its meaning is very simple and quite useful to people in the camping profession.

##### Definition:

Restorative ecology is the conscious manipulation of a given ecosystem at a desired level of interaction with the surrounding enviros, resulting in a longterm availability of resources identified at the beginning of the management process. The resources identified may or may not have some use to man. As a result this management method is very flexible allowing persons from various attitudinal backgrounds to use the same management tool.

**Example:** 1967 Camp Restore was established. The camp had a huge meadow that provided an ideal site for playing wide games.

1977 Camp Restore is doing quite well. Pioneer plants such as birch, aspen and pine inhabit the edges of the meadow. Tree growth goes unchecked by camp staff.

1985 Camp Restore is faced with a program issue. The great meadow that it once had for wide games is now half its original size with the rest being a birch-pine forest. The habitat is suitable for environmental education, however, the camp no longer has a site in which to play wide games.

**Lesson:** Your camp ecosystem is constantly changing. To ensure that the changes are desirable you as a camp director must think in an ecological, longterm manner.

**Next Issue:** A brief "how to" approach on restorative ecology.

#### Francophones . . . a l'aide

La revue nationale sur le camping (C.C.M.) s'est engagée à servir tous les camps de l'Association. Tel que vous avez pu vous rendre compte, la plupart des articles sont résumés et traduits en français. Nous faisons paraître toutes les directives de l'association dans les deux langues et nous nous ferons un plaisir de traduire, sous demande, n'importe quel article.

Nous avons besoin de vous. Nous voulons de vos nouvelles.

Nous voulons savoir, en français, ce qui se passe chez-vous. Vous avez du matériel français, faites le nous parvenir. Nous nous ferons un plaisir de faire paraître votre article dans la revue. Ensemble nous pourons partager et grandir.



# WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

It's early summer and the opening of camp is fast approaching. Almost all camper applications are in, your summer staff is hired and staff orientation is a week away and . . . (What do you do now?). That's exactly what we at Canadian Camping were wondering. Are you a little superstitious or perhaps a creature of habit? Is there one thing that you **must** do each year before summer camp begins? Perhaps you like to re-read a particular book or see a certain movie. Is there a trip you **must** make before camp or a route you must drive to get to camp, complete with a stop at a particular restaurant or snack bar? Maybe you like to start off each season with a brand new clothing item: shoes, sweatshirt or hat. On the other hand, you may have an old standby that you absolutely would never start camp without.

The results of our informal national survey are in and, just as we expected, there are a wide variety of things going on across the country in late June. Some are serious, some are not, but they represent the leaders of camping in Canada hard at work, preparing for summer. It promises to be an interesting year. Have a great summer!

*Visit camp alone in May  
and spend six hours on  
Saturday and Sunday  
watching birds and  
enjoying the birth  
of spring*

*Take a last visit to  
my own private  
washroom*

*Drive to Camp alone  
and listen to this year's  
collection of conference  
tapes as a preparation  
for staff training*

*Arrange for special items  
that must be ordered  
for staff*

*Catch a final viewing  
of my favourite soap  
operas for the next  
two months*

*Decide what to do  
with my pet  
cat — Tekila*

*Find my camp hat with all  
the badges, my copy of  
Woodfire and Candlelight  
and room for everything  
(including two dogs and a  
cat) in the car*

*Stop for ice cream at  
Clappison Corners  
on the way to camp*

*Buy a summer stock of  
film and remember  
to take it  
to camp*

*Buy a new pad and pencil  
— my best assistant  
for the whole  
summer*

- Have a good shuddering case  
of the 'willies' and a cry*
- Reconsider every detail of  
the summer and anticipate!*
- Have an uplifting heart to  
heart with head staff*
- Buy a pair of outrageous  
shorts*
- Find two hours of solitude*

*Re-arrange the summer  
office and equipment  
making sure every paper  
cup is in place and all  
items in order*

*Clean the Lodge, turn on  
the water  
Check the plumbing*

*Spend a week  
in the spa*



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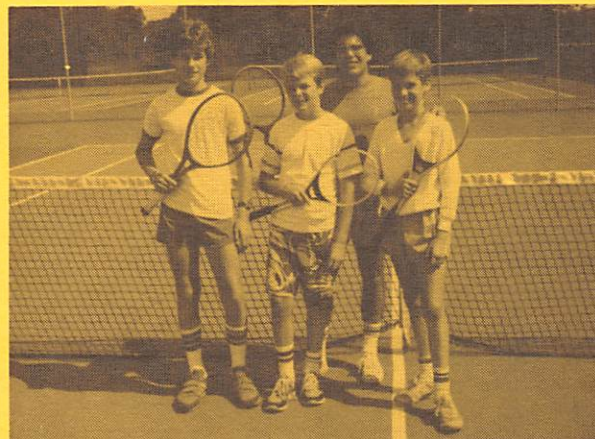
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The Cover Photo depicts the fun and fellowship at summer camp. These are campers from Camp Sudaca, a day camp operated by the City of Sudbury, Ontario.

**La page couverture**

En page couverture, nous retrouvons de jeunes campeurs du Camp Sudaca, de la ville de Sudbury, Ontario. Elle représente le plaisir et la fraternité.